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Best Laid Plans Algonquin Highlands Recreation Project on Hold

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Sometimes, when a project sounds too good to be true, it really is, and that may be the case with proposed improvements to the skating rink and tennis court in Stanhope. Despite original project estimates of \$50,000 which were to be raised through the volunteer efforts of John Ashworth, the project has mushroomed from discussions in May to levels not anticipated by a Council that finds itself stuck firmly between a rock and a hard place.

After a second meeting with Council in June, Ashworth proceeded with a Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RinC) application which, if approved, would see not only a permanent skating rink, complete with boards and lights and an expanded tennis court, but the addition of an improved soccer field and small pavilion that would house year round washrooms and storage facilities. The municipality would be required to make a \$50,000 contribution out of recreation reserves thus ensuring that there would be no increased costs to ratepayers to cover project costs.

Ashworth was present at the Algonquin Highlands Council meeting last Thursday and informed the Council that the RinC application had been approved to the tune of \$222,000. Ashworth, purportedly still working on a volunteer basis, advised Council that he had 'set the bar much higher' by also submitting funding applications to Hydro One and the Trillium Foundation taking the overall project costs to \$450,000 some of which would have to be raised next year.

Ashworth informed Council that in order to get the skating rink and tennis court portion of the project completed on schedule, the work would have to proceed prior to receipt of the official RinC contract. He also said that the municipality would need to start incurring expenses even though they would not be able to submit their invoices until after the contract was in place. According to Ashworth, one of the terms of the RinC funding is that 50 percent of the money must be spent prior to March 31st of 2010.

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"It would be a shame to lose this project as its one of the best we've had" (Reeve Eleanor Harrison)

Severance Request for Glengarran Resort Property Refused

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Last week the Algonquin Highlands Council proved that it is consistent in its response to requests that do not meet either their zoning or long term planning requirements. A request that has been brought forward for Council's consideration several times in the past to sever a portion of the old Glengarran Resort on Hall's Lake in the geographic Township of Stanhope has once again been denied due to insufficient lot sizes and the sensitivity of the lake.

Robert List of List Planning Ltd. in Bracebridge represented the owner of the property suggested that the request to sever the property and use it for seasonal residential use was not only reasonable, but in compliance with both the County and

Municipal Official Plans as well as the municipal zoning by-law. However, Greg Corbett, Municipal Planner from Plan-scape representing the municipality, had a somewhat differing opinion.

Corbett wasn't the only one with a differing opinion. In her letter to List, County Director of Planning, Jane Tousaw suggested that while the existing C3 zoning permits residential use as a principal use, the moderate sensitivity of the (lake trout) lake has to be taken into consideration.

In addition, Tousaw commented that should the C3 zoning remain in place it would allow many other uses which could ultimately significantly increase pressure on Hall's Lake. Tou-

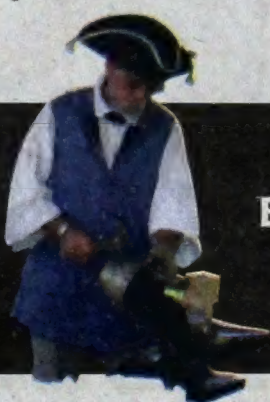
saw suggested that rezoning should not only be suggested, but encouraged.

According to List, the structures on the existing parcel would be either altered or removed to meet the conditions for residential use, something which the owner is more than prepared to do. He also commented that while the lake is deemed to be moderately sensitive, it is not at capacity.

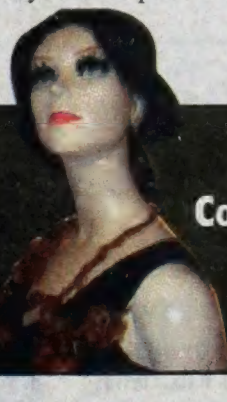
"The local plan does not encourage tourism on the lake and the conversion to residential use would be in compliance with the zoning by-law," said List. He also commented that

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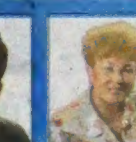
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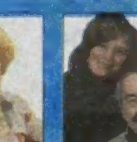
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Car Downs Hydro Pole - Investigation Continues

Shortly after 8 p.m. this past Sunday, a car driven by Preston Johnston, 24 years, of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, went into a hydro pole on Burke's Road just east of Haliburton Village, severing the pole, which then came to rest on the vehicle's roof. Johnston was taken to Haliburton Hospital with undisclosed injuries. At press time the investigation was continuing. ■



Jewellery and Blacksmith Artist Opens Up Amusing Exhibit at The Art Hive

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Is it really possible to turn cold, hard steel into something that reflects femininity and the beauty that is present in the female form? All one has to do is see the work of one Haliburton's County's emerging artists to find out that the answer is most definitely yes.

"This is me playing with the female form," said Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle during the opening reception for her "Hand of the Maker" exhibit at The Art Hive last Friday.

Atkinson's 40 pieces of work on display at the Carnarvon art gallery include those which are functional and non-functional. For the exhibit, Atkinson has abandoned using precious metals such as gold and silver for more raw materials like tie wire and hand-forged steel.

"Kathleen endeavours to create pieces with a dramatic impact," states a press release for the exhibit entitled 'Femininity, Light and Lucidity'. "She delights in marrying the cold immovable nature of metal with the soft delicate perception of iconic feminine attire."

At the exhibit, visitors will discover pieces such as a pair of size six-and-a-half steel high-heeled shoes that took Atkinson about 10 hours to make, and a flowing dress made of tie wire that already sold for \$250.

So if you happen to be in Carnarvon between now and Thursday, July 30, drop by The Art Hive located at 10239 on Hwy 118. The work of this jewellery and blacksmith artist is all available for purchase. ■



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▲ 24° ▼ 14°

SUNDAY



Chance of scattered thunderstorms

▲ 24° ▼ 14°

MONDAY



Variable clouds with showers

▲ 23° ▼ 14°

TUESDAY



Cloudy with scattered showers

▲ 23° ▼ 13°

WEDNESDAY



Chance of showers and thunderstorms

▲ 25° ▼ 14°

AROUND THE REGION: Skies will be mostly cloudy on Thursday with a chance of showers. Highs will be in the mid-20s. Dry weather will be likely on Friday as skies will be partly sunny. Highs will remain in the mid-20s. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will be likely this afternoon with highs in the mid-20s.

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Acapulco	33/26/pc	32/26/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	31/26/ts	32/26/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	31/25/ts	31/26/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	32/26/ts	32/26/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/26/ts	31/27/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/26/ts	32/26/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	31/24/ts	30/24/ts	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	32/24/ts	32/24/pc	29/23/na
Cancun	32/26/pc	33/26/ts	32/26/na	St. Thomas	32/25/su	32/26/sh	32/27/ra
Curacao	32/26/pc	33/26/pc	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	31/24/pc	32/26/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	32/25/ts	32/26/ts	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/22/ts	28/21/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/25/ts	31/26/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	32/26/su	32/25/pc	32/26/ra
Havana	32/25/ts	31/26/ts	34/24/su	San Salvador	31/24/ts	32/24/ts	32/22/su
Key West	31/25/ts	32/25/pc	33/28/ts	Santo Domingo	32/26/pc	31/26/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	32/26/ts	32/26/ts	33/32/su	Trinidad	31/26/ts	32/26/ts	32/27/ra

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Barrie	25/14/sh	24/15/pc	24/14/ts	24/14/ts	24/14/sh	24/13/sh	26/14/ts
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Oshawa	25/15/sh	24/16/pc	24/15/ts	24/16/ts	24/16/sh	24/14/sh	26/15/ts
Ottawa	24/14/sh	24/16/ts	24/16/sh	24/15/ts	24/15/sh	23/13/sh	24/14/ts
Toronto	25/15/sh	24/16/pc	24/16/ts	24/16/ts	24/16/sh	24/14/sh	26/16/ts

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Calgary	34/17/su	34/18/pc	25/13/sh	24/13/pc	24/13/pc	25/13/su	27/14/su
Edmonton	31/15/pc	31/17/su	18/7/pc	18/7/pc	18/7/ts	19/8/su	23/10/su
Fredericton	22/14/pc	23/15/ts	19/13/sh	19/13/sh	19/13/sh	19/13/sh	21/13/pc
Halifax	24/17/pc	23/16/sh	18/14/sh	18/14/sh	18/14/sh	18/14/sh	20/13/pc
Montreal	26/14/sh	25/17/ts	24/16/sh	24/16/ts	24/16/sh	23/14/pc	24/15/ts
Regina	31/17/ts	32/18/su	24/13/pc	24/13/ts	24/13/pc	24/13/pc	26/13/su
St. John's	18/11/pc	18/10/pc	14/11/sh	14/11/sh	14/11/sh	15/11/sh	17/11/sh
Saskatoon	28/14/ts	31/16/pc	23/8/pc	23/8/ts	23/8/pc	23/8/pc	26/9/su
Vancouver	25/16/su	26/16/pc	26/13/su	22/12/pc	22/13/su	22/13/su	24/16/pc
Whitehorse	20/6/cl	18/6/pc	18/6/pc	18/6/sh	18/6/sh	20/7/su	21/7/su
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Friday 7/17	24°C	10°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 7/16	23°C	14°C	0.0 mm
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Tuesday 7/14	NA	NA	NA

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Sat.	5:52 a.m./8:49 p.m.	10:23 a.m./10:30 p.m.
Sun.	5:53 a.m./8:48 p.m.	11:38 a.m./10:52 p.m.
Mon.	5:54 a.m./8:47 p.m.	12:51 p.m./11:16 p.m.
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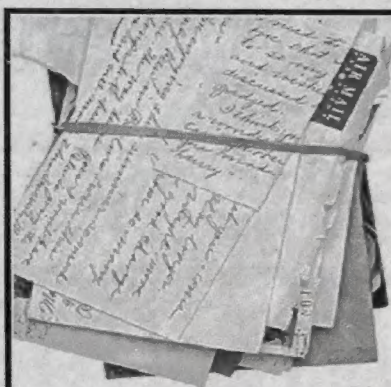
Thank you for your recent coverage of our Quilts of Valour program. We have given out probably close to 400 quilts in the past three years, and have well over 100 quilters registered now. The list grows daily. Some of the quilters are onboard for a long term some of them make one quilt and move on to other comfort causes.

Quilt of Valour - Canada Society became a registered charitable society this June. In the future I hope there will be a situation that would give me the greatest pleasure: to close the society because we no longer need to cover our soldiers physically and mentally affected by their bravely serving our country. Wishful thinking!

We hope to have all of our quilts up on our website, www.quiltsofvalour.ca, which is sponsored by the Halton Quilters Guild.

Thank you for covering one of our very active Eastern Canadian guilds.

Lezley Zwaal, Founder
Quilts of Valour - Canada
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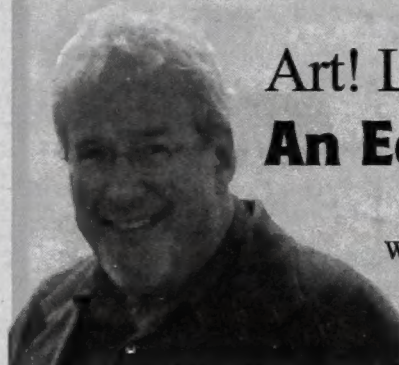
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Art! Life! Nature! Hockey! An Editor's Diary

We trekked north last weekend, through Dorset, Dwight, Huntsville, then on up past Burks Falls and Sundridge, finally ending up at our destination, a freezing hockey arena in South River. Hockey in July? Well, the weather sure suits it, if nothing else: parents and kids, all in their woollies, in some cases complete with winter hats, huddled together in collective misery to cheer on their budding Cody's, Matt's, and Cassie's at a hockey camps' session-ending game.

I chatted briefly during the spirited shinny with Gary Coalter, the camp's head instructor. Gary is a grizzled veteran of some 40 games in the NHL in the 1970s and hundreds more in the minor pro leagues. He was a fifth round New York Ranger pick in 1970, a combative grinder who's emerged decades later with a warm and generous sense of humour about kids, hockey parents, and the great national game. His own son, Brandon, was drafted by the San Jose Sharks, also in the fifth round, in 1998 and has also had a decade-long pro career in the minors. Gary's familiar with our Highland Storm hockey program, and of course with the meteoric teenage success of Cody Hodgson and Haliburton's own Matt Duchene, and has a wry view of parents who are convinced their little guy is without doubt NHL material, despite the fact that the odds of making it in the bigs are in the Lotto 649 range. We joked that Duchene's success, the brilliant exception that makes the rule, was the worst thing that could have happened to the more ambitious Highland Storm hockey parents ("he lives just down the street - if he can make it, so can we!") But on that little patch of ice in tiny South River, we both could see the power of those kid dreams as the boys and girls roared down the ice and leapt for joy as the puck went in. "You know," said Gary, "the great thing about this game is how much the kids love it, how hard most of them work at it, and how much respect they have for their teammates - and the opposition. And they can handle defeat - if sometimes the parents can't."

The mainly flat farmland and bush in that part of central Muskoka provides a stark contrast to Haliburton's rolling hills, rock faces, lush forest and lake after lake. In contrast as well is just how troubled the economies of those aforementioned small towns are, with so many stores boarded up and scarcely any significant retail activity. Despite the presence of some sizeable cottage lakes (Bernard and Eagle, for example) and easy access to Algonquin Park, there was little commercial buzz, and not a lot of hope somehow. And when the current four-lane expansion of Highway 11 is complete the road will totally bypass those towns, which will only add to their miseries.

Mainstream Muskoka remains an economic powerhouse, to be sure (just ask Glen Sharpley about the first few days in his new Source for Sports store in Huntsville). Still, driving back into Haliburton County and Village you can't help but marvel at the wide variety of attractive stores, galleries, resorts, and country inns that appear practically around every corner. The sense of a distinct community and economy, with a unique geography was powerful, and somehow reassuring. The scale may be small, but it works. Just talk, as I did last week, to the many working artists, teachers and other summer residents who are so deeply impressed by our arts scene and how integral it is to the community. Or look at the continuing success of Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts, a unique and enduring institution which is not duplicated anywhere else in 'cottage country'.

And you know? Even after just a day away, it was good to be home. ■

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The Highlander Rants By Terrance Seamus Gavan

My Dog is Exacerbating my Hypochondria Victimized again by Rev. Donald Francis Gavan

I am a confirmed hypochondriac.

I blame it on my upbringing and I pin it specifically on my uncle, the Reverend Donald Francis Gavan.

Gav was wildly cognizant of every working part of his slowly discombobulating body.

A chronic worrier. A serial hypochondriac.

Now the medical definition of the disease states that:

"A person who has hypochondriasis, a disorder characterized by a preoccupation with body functions and the interpretation of normal body sensations (such as sweating) or minor abnormalities (such as minor aches and pains) as portending problems of major medical moment. Reassurance by physicians and others only serves to increase the hypochondriac's persistent anxiety about their health."

The Reverend Donald Francis never actually took these minor complaints to his doctor.

He did however bring it constantly and continuously to his rather large extended family in Ottawa. He was a constant presence at Saturday and Sunday Gavan family dinners.

His own hypochondria was enormously and prodigiously enlarged when confronted by other people's maladies.

He was a "hypochondriac chart topper" taking extravagant and almost Rambo-like zeal in medical one-upmanship.

If you had a cold ... Uncle Don had the Asian Flu.

If you had shin splints ... The Rev had a torturous ankle condition from a "pre-existing wartime injury" that "flared up" in hot humid conditions; or extended cold snaps.

My mother had three major coronaries.

The Reverend Donald would visit regularly.

Inevitably he would leave the hospital with mysterious chest pains, shortness of breath and shooting pains down his right arm.

By the time we reached the car - having watched a procession of emergency room victims pass by in various states of disrepair - Father Don would be limping, wheezing, and wiping rivers of sweat from his forehead.

"My arm's swelling up, I have a migraine, I think I've got a bad case of Denghi Fever, let's get the hell out of here," Gav would say, sprint-limping like a gut-shot Ostrich to the car.

I happened to mention one Sunday that I was doing some research on the rise of smallpox on the African continent.

I swear to God, Gav popped his head around the corner of the kitchen.

"Tell me about it," says Reverend Donald Francis. "I have these huge red welts around my abdomen and my joints have been sore as hell since last Tuesday. Smallpox eh? Have you got any reading material that I can take home tonight?"

Understand that we all loved Father Don.

We just wondered a lot about his almost manic preoccupation with disease.

He smoked about three to 15 packs of cigarettes a day.

Never once did I ever hear him complain about an allergy to smoke, or some concern that his habit may be contributing to a lowered life expectancy. His own hypochondria never extended to his own forlorn lifestyle choices.

The medical profession calls this "whistling past the graveyard."

I call it ironic, because it was lung cancer that finally swept the good Donald Francis off this patch of green in the late nineties.

My own hypochondria I attribute directly to the Reverend Donald Francis. Rampant and derelict access to the Internet and all those dastardly self-diagnosis sites doesn't help either. And now I have an itchy problem with my dog Billie Jean.

Some time ago I read an article about the canine's ability to sniff out disease in humans. It said: "Already dogs are used to warn of epileptic seizures, low blood sugar and heart attacks, although whether they are detecting changes in smell or physical behavior is still unknown. And, while they may not be able to perform CPR, some canines do know how to call 911."

I am now fully tuned in to my dog's first-alert warning system.

If she takes an inordinate interest in my feet, I am off like a shot to Haliburton emergency services.

"What's wrong," Triage Person will ask.

"I'm not sure," I reply, "but my dog Billie Jean seems to think I may have a pre-existing ankle problem. Maybe run a battery of X-Rays and set me up for a Cat Scan?"

My preoccupation with Billie's moods has increased exponentially over the past two years as I do further research on canine diagnosis via my hi-speed Google.

I am stretching the patience of the very solicitous Triage Person at Haliburton General.

One day last week Billie stared unblinkingly at the top of my head.

Fearing the worst, I bolted for emergency.

Triage person sits looking at me with that perplexed and haggard look of the long-suffering soul.

"Terry, what now?" says Triage Person.

"I don't know, but Billie's thinking brain aneurysm, and I'm guessing we'll be wanting a full PET scan," I say, tapping the top of my head which produced a hollow Bongo-Congo sound. "Oh and she was licking my hand ... what do you think? Carpal Tunnel or arthritis?"

She points me to my doctor.

My doctor, Marcia Welby MD, is a no-nonsense practitioner, and she is not quite as patient or understanding as Triage Person.

"Terry, I want you to quit bothering Triage Person," says Dr Marcia.

"Billie Jean is not clairvoyant and dogs do not have a license to practice medicine in Ontario. Oh, and I want you to put a block on Web MD on your Internet," says Marcia.

We have come to a grudging agreement.

I limit my Triage Person visits to one or two per month.

But just in case ... I am currently teaching Billie Jean to dial 911.

She's apparently a quick learner.

Last month I got a bill from my long distance provider.

Did you know that a random call to the Australian Outback comes in at \$165 per hour?

Billie Jean is giving me a migraine. I think. ■

Police Reports

Break And Enter

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are investigating a break and enter that occurred on the North Shore Road in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

The investigation revealed that the suspects forced their way into a small shed at the back of the Algonquin Highlands Township offices and stole a quantity of food items. Numerous empty beer bottles were also found at the scene.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with information on this occurrence is asked to call the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. ■

Drinking And Driving Charge

(CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES, ON.) – On Tuesday (14 Jul) at approximately 9:45 pm the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP were called to investigate a motor vehicle in the ditch on Kawartha Lakes Road 36 between Pigeon Lake Road and Meadowlark Crescent in the former Township of Verulam.

As a result of the investigation, Dwayne Allen MCKNIGHT 38 years of Minden Hills was charged with Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Having more than 80mgs of alcohol in 100mls of blood and Dangerous Operation of a Motor vehicle all contrary to the Criminal Code.

MCKNIGHT was released and is scheduled to appear in court in Lindsay on the 30th of July 2009. ■

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The Old Donald Schoolhouse Turns 100

George Farrell
Staff Reporter



Clang! Clang! Clang! went the bell, and you could almost hear the piping voices of young school children as they raced to class from playing outdoors; a scenario that happened repeatedly in Donald, starting in 1909.

The Donald school, representing Section Number 6, was built to educate the children of workers at the Standard Chemical factory, which was built a year earlier, in 1908. There is precious little information on the school itself, but among the early teachers were an Englishman J.H. Pillopson, Mr. Durante, Mrs. Windsor, Miss Sarah Weekly, Jack Palmer, Lonnie Palmer and Frank Roach.

Margaret Robinson, formerly Margaret Emmerson of the Emmerson lumber family, who's now 85, went to school in Donald, and she remembers her teacher being a Mrs. Burke. Margaret's father owned the general store in Donald and ran the post office starting in 1924. "In the winter time one of the chemical workers would come in before school to start up the box stove," she remembers, "and when it was too cold there was no school. There was a big wood shed out back and students had to pile up the wood in the shed and sweep up the sawdust in recess. I started school in Donald when I was six and I went there until I went to Riverdale Collegiate in Toronto about 1939 or '40. Before that there were first and second year high school students at the Donald school. There were about 30 students at any given time, and they were all in different grades. On the last day of school in June Standard Chemical supplied a picnic with cake and home made ice cream made from real cream. They also gave prizes to the good students, and I still have my Thorndike dictionary given to me for getting good marks in Geography, I think it was. We had a soft ball team and we used to

play behind the school. We played regularly against the school in Lochlin, which is no longer there."

Donald, being on the rail line, was quite a busy little community back when Margaret Robinson went to school. In addition to the store and post office, situated where the Little Tart Bakery is now located, there was an opera house. Later on, the schoolhouse served as a community centre for all sorts of activities, including dances and parties.

This information was revealed by one of the present owners of the renovated schoolhouse, Emily Currell. She was referencing Nila Reynolds acclaimed book *In Quest of Yesterday*, while her partner Peter Grieder was descending from the belfry where he had pulled the cord which sent the old bell a-clanging. "It's not the original bell," Peter informed, completing his descent, "but it's from 1913, and came from an old church in Kingston."



Top: Owners Petr Grieder and Emily Currell and The Schoolhouse
Above: The Old Donald Schoolhouse

Peter and Emily are a young couple who moved into the building in August of 2008. Emily is originally from Mississauga and Peter, who was born in Coburg, and lived in Peterborough. They met while Emily was attending classes in Environmental Studies at Trent University.

Emily is now employed at the Haliburton Forest, where she works with kids in outdoor education. She runs the astronomy program in the summertime, and helps out with the sled dogs in the winter. Peter is the second cook at the Pinestone Golf and Conference Resort. "I'm obsessed with history and folklore, and I like a building with a history behind it," Emily says. It didn't take the couple long to realize that 2009 was the schoolhouse's 100th anniversary. According to Mr. Bullock, the previous owner, "the schoolhouse was renovated from a community centre to a home in the 1960's by Irv Getke," Emily reveals.

Mr. Getke was a craftsman with an esthetic sense, judging by the impressive tongue and groove ceiling, in what is now the living room, and the look-alike 'old school' lighting fixtures. While they're not original, Mr Getke certainly kept the ambience of the schoolhouse intact. He also added a heated garage/ workshop, which is easily big enough for 2 vehicles. Other renovations include a loft bedroom and a small additional bedroom or study on the main floor, which also contains the bathroom and kitchen. There's a neat little porch out front, and what looks like an old horse stable, as well as a storage shed out back.

The green and white exterior, as well as the interior, belie the age of the main building which is nicely set back from the Gelert Road, on just under 2 acres of property. "This place was built to stand the test of time, and all the previous owners have respected that," says Peter. "As far as we can tell we're only the third owners, and the place is still in great shape." To prove his point he opens a trap door in the floor, which reveals the main support beam for the foundation of the building. It's an old pine log which runs the length of the building, which might be in the neighborhood of 50 feet. The log, which looks like it might have been felled and put in place yesterday, still has much of its bark, and you can see axe marks on its surface. "The building inspector said that the roof, main structure and our sand well are all in great shape," states Peter.

The historic Donald School House is a wonderful acquisition for first time buyers, and with Peter Grieder and Emily Currell it would appear to be in good hands. "This is our first house and we love it," Emily concurs. It's wonderful and unique, and it's a great place to live."

"It really does have its own character," Peter adds, and out back there are trees where people carved out their names." You can picture a young boy with his pocket knife hastily completing the last groove of his initials, as the school bell clangs its insistent call back to class. Margaret Robinson might have told him to hurry up before he got a detention. ■

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Algonquin Highlands Recreation Project on Hold

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Ashworth spoke in some detail about the requirement to complete survey work and how to best improve the quality of the soccer field, which he considered one of the most important parts of area outdoor activities as it embraces the largest number of people. He estimated that there are 196 children and a large number of volunteers and volunteer coaches, which drives the need for decent washrooms.

At this point it became apparent to all that Ashworth had put in far more time than originally anticipated on the project and that he intended to submit an invoice that would amount to approximately \$80,000 plus expenses, 75 percent of which he proposed to donate back to the municipality as an in kind contribution. He said that he felt that the remaining project management cost was justified as all of the funding applications allowed for project management.

Ashworth asked the Council to authorize the CAO to engage his company, Ashworth & Associates, to get started on the project design work and survey. "My task," he said, "is to solve all of the problems associated with the project and get you the most money and best use of that money. I'll research everything carefully prior to the project getting under way."

Councillor Carol Moffatt said, "This is an incredible amount of work and your enthusiasm is greatly appreciated and respected, but I wonder how this went from a volunteer project to a contract

with your company?"

Ashworth replied that that Council didn't have to agree to hire him, but pointed out that he had invested an incredible amount of work over the past three months and had set aside other work from his business. He said, "I cannot move forward beyond this point. I put in 500 miles in the last week alone and it is no small amount of effort to raise this kind of money and make the project happen. I would also have to set aside 50 percent of my time to make this happen by this fall and I cannot do it on a volunteer basis."

Moffatt suggested that if the Council was going to enter into a project management agreement it should be tendered. Ashworth referred to a clause in the funding guidelines that allowed project management without tendering the work, but Moffatt said, "It may be in their guidelines, but it's not in ours."

She said, "There is a process. I don't want to insult your integrity or your abilities, but I also don't want to circumvent our purchasing policy." Moffatt asked how Council planned to deal with the policy.

Council realized that they face a difficult decision. They acknowledged the overwhelming efforts of Ashworth and his success in getting funding for the project, but also realize that they are faced with the requirement to tender out project management.

Harrison raised the issue of making in kind contributions, which

has been done in the past and CAO Lorne Mitchell commented that the purchasing policy allowed Council to waive specific requirements if it was considered in the best interests of the municipality-overall. He said, "The dilemma is the fact that there is a difference between donating labour and actually receiving and keeping some of the funding. It could be perceived by the public as a make work project." He also pointed out that the municipality had appointed people in the past (using lawyers and engineers as an example) for special projects given their specific areas of expertise.

Moffatt said, "This is a fabulous project and we're lucky to have you (Ashworth), but we must conduct ourselves in accordance with the Municipal Act and this is not going the right way. This doesn't work for me."

Council, reluctant to lose Ashworth on the project, considered a number of options including scaling the project back to its original scope but was also reluctant to lose the RinC funding. After exhaustive discussion they were unable to make a firm decision on whether to proceed as planned or tender out project management.

Harrison said, "We're in trouble, no matter what. Perhaps we should have seen the writing on the wall when the application was made, but it would be a shame to lose this project as its one of the best we've had."

Council finally directed the CAO to investigate their purchasing policy carefully and agreed that they would hold a special meeting the following week to decide on the best way to proceed. ■

Severance Request

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Algonquin Highlands had an unintentional omission in their zoning by-law which allowed residential use as a principal rather than accessory use, something that needed to be rectified." This was a comment that did not appear to sit well with anyone else in the room.

List said, "My client isn't opposed to processing a zoning by-law amendment as a condition of approval, but should it go forward that way, he is requesting that any fees be waived as he is in a hardship position."

Corbett concurred with Tousaw's recommendation for a zoning amendment to remove any potential for commercial use in the future. He suggested that the 30 metre setbacks required in the municipality's zoning by-law would also have to be met requiring that several of the buildings be moved or removed. He suggested that an existing cabin, being converted to a dwelling did not meet the minimum size and that sleeping cabins which were part of the proposal are not permitted within the C3 zone. Corbett also commented that frontages created by the severance would not meet the minimum standard either.

As a last comment, Corbett suggested that if Council was to consider approving the application, both the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environment should be consulted prior to any further steps being taken.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said, "If this was a residential property to be severed, it would not comply with our requirements and would not be passed. It would not be allowed for new residential property and by creating two C3 properties we would be risking additional commercial development. In essence you are asking for the creation of a new commercial lot."

List argued that his client was asking for two new residential lots on the lake. He said, "I'm also confident that both MOE and MNR will have no problem with this application. What is intended is a main dwelling and a sleeping cabin on each lot."

Councillor Diane Griffin, however, said that the Municipality had to recognize reduced setbacks and shoreline restoration, something that could not be achieved with this application.

Gardner said, "This did not pass before as two shoreline residential properties as they would be undersized. Unless more property is added it still does not meet that test and Council should not support it." Gardner also said that tourism development would not be encouraged on lots that are reaching capacity. Griffin concurred that she could not support the request either.

Clerk Angie Bird asked if Council wanted the application forwarded to MOE and MNR, stating that their comments were critical.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison agreed that she couldn't support the request unless the property was rezoned and even then there were problems. Council concurred that there was no point in following through with the application as no one was prepared to approve it. ■

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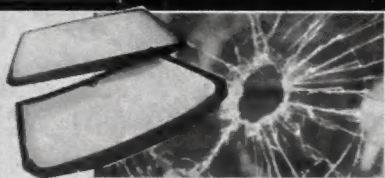
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Necessary Precautions Continue to Be Taken as Worldwide Pandemic Spreads

Mark Arike
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Hundreds of camp kids and dozens of camp staff in the Muskoka's have contracted the H1N1 virus in the past two weeks (also known as the Swine Flu), but to date, none of Haliburton County's camps have experienced an outbreak.

"There aren't any (cases)," said Diane Dingman, Director of Communicable Disease Control for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) Health Unit, in a phone interview with The Voice.

Dingman said that the health unit works closely with camp staff every year to ensure that they are knowledgeable on what to look for and are prepared for the possibility of an outbreak.

"A nurse goes out to the camps to prepare staff prior to the arrival of campers," explained Dingman. "They bring with them a binder on infection control guidelines, as well as information on what to watch for and what to do."

Dingman pointed out that although the H1N1 virus has been making news headlines as of late, other outbreaks aren't an uncommon occurrence at camps.

"It isn't uncommon to see outbreaks of whooping cough, the common cold and other illnesses," added Dingman.

Should campers show symptoms that match those associated with the H1N1 virus, Dingman says they will be separated from the rest of the camp population and monitored closely.

"If they see more than one child with symptoms they will be put into some sort of an infirmary on site where they will be looked at by nurses. To stop the spread of an illness and for their own health and wellness, those who are ill would be sent home," she said.

To prevent the spread of viruses, campers are being advised on how to go about taking the necessary steps to protect themselves.

"They are being instructed to wash their hands often and use hand sanitizer. Staff are also enforcing the importance of hand and cough etiquette," said Dingman.

Of the camps that The Voice called, all are taking similar precautions to safeguard campers and staff from the virus.

"We are reinforcing and continuing to meet the high standards that we always have," said Andrew Short, Program Director at Kilcoo Camp in Minden. "We have alcohol hand sanitizer stations for them to use before meals and after they go to the washroom. Because of the H1N1 situation, we've told campers to sleep foot-to-foot now."

When campers arrive at the camp, they are screened for any illnesses and or health conditions that they might have. Located on-site is an infirmary as well as two resident nurses and a live-in doctor.

Short says that information about what is being done at the camp has been provided to parents of current campers and future campers.

"If any parents have questions, we're very open about our policies and practices. We don't have anything out of the ordinary to report, but we're staying in touch with them," he said.

At Camp Medeba in Haliburton, the staff aren't panicking about the virus; however, they are remaining vigilant.

"We're obviously taking the situation very seriously," said Summer Camp Director Steve Archibald. "We recognize the issues around containment,

we're communicating with parents, and we're also trying to maintain a fun camp-like environment."

Archibald said that staff members have been well informed about H1N1 thanks to information and advice provided by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Public Health Ontario, the local health unit and the Ontario Camping Association.

"We are meeting or exceeding the protocols and safeguards that are being asked of us," he said, adding that a few extra hand-washing stations have been set-up around the camp because of the pandemic. "We're aware of the illness and are taking concerns and turning them into positive action."

Medeba also has segregated facilities for those who show any symptoms associated with a respiratory illness; a resident nurse and a health care coordinator would monitor those in the separate facility and should they deem a person to sick to stay, they might be instructed to go home.

"Sending them home would be a possibility, but that decision would be made by the professional medical staff, along with advice provided by Public Health Ontario and the health unit," said Archibald. "We're dealing with things in a positive way and so far it has been a great summer."

So what is the H1N1 virus and how is it spread?

Novel H1N1 Influenza A Virus, as it's known in more technical terms, is a respiratory illness that causes symptoms similar to those of the regular human seasonal flu. These symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, muscle and joint pain, extreme fatigue, runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea in some individuals, and a lack of appetite.

H1N1 usually affects pigs, but as of late, people from different parts of the world have contracted the virus. Pigs can pass the virus on to people through close contact – such as in pig production barns and livestock exhibits at fairs. When a swine influenza virus does affect a human, there is also a risk that the animal influenza can mutate and then spread directly between humans. It is believed to be spread between humans through "droplet spread". This happens when a person coughs or sneezes into the air and another person inhales those droplets. A person can also contract the virus if they touch their eyes, mouth, or nose after touching respiratory droplets that are on another person or an object.

A fact sheet provided by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit states that: "The virus can live outside the body on hard surfaces for up to 48 hours; however, the virus is easily killed by washing with warm water and soap, or with alcohol-based hand rub. Household disinfectants will kill the virus on household items and surfaces."

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, there were a total of 10,156 laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1 in the country as of Wednesday, July 15, including 1,115 hospitalizations and 45 deaths.

The World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared an H1N1 pandemic on Thursday, June 11. As of this past Sunday, the WHO confirmed 137,258 cases worldwide as well as 779 deaths.

Although certain groups of people – such as the very young or very old – may be more at risk of getting seriously ill or dying from the virus, anyone can get it. According to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, everyone needs to "careful and aware". Until more information is found out about H1N1, "we won't know for sure who is most at risk."

If you're about to send your kids to camp and want to find out all the facts about protecting them against the virus, see the full

fact sheet at www.hkpr.on.ca.

Once on the homepage click on the Novel H1N1 Influenza A link and scroll down to the resources section. You'll also find a number of other resources on the site that relate to the virus.

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Algonquin Highlands Council Rejects MBC Recommendation

*"We hire people with credentials to guide us."
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Staff Reporter

Last week the Algonquin Highlands Council reviewed a letter from the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) demanding that action be taken to consider the potential impacts of the proposed new runway construction on private properties adjacent to the Stanhope Airport. The results of a careful review by MBC executive were not only discounted, but were also denigrated by Council.

The letter, under the signature of MBC Vice President (and Research Director) Andy Muirhead, stated that their review of the potential impacts of construction of the second runway indicated a number of undisclosed negative impacts on private properties to the north and west of the airport, given the need for either immediate or eventual obstacle removal requiring legal access agreements, as well as the imposition of risks from accidents and loss of property value due to low flight paths.

Muirhead wrote that it was the opinion of MBC that any decision to proceed with construction prior to a full and detailed assessment of the impacts, along with establishing a due process for compensation constituted an abrogation of municipal responsibilities. The letter also suggests that failure to initiate processes of assessment and compensation of negative impacts places the municipality in violation of pre-requisite conditions to receive Building Canada funding.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison commented that she found it difficult to believe, given one owner's acquisition of property from the Municipality 'within a snowball's throw of the airport' for a value of \$139,000 was now being valued by a professional at \$750,000. She said, "If that is an example of negative affects I hope (the development) will have the same affect on my property."

Harrison said that the Council had consciously made the decision not to move forward with easement agreements unless they had the funding in place. She also questioned the need to spend additional funds to look at impacts to properties that had not been identified in their engineering report. Harrison did acknowledge that the Council possibly should have looked at establishing agreements earlier, but again referred to spending taxpayers' dollars prior to being given approval to proceed.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said, "So what do we do with this? Send it to our lawyer or to our engineer simply to increase our costs?"

Councillor Diane Griffin commented that the Council had hired consultants and they were following the consultant's direction. "Now we're being told (or receiving demands) by an association that we should deal with these properties. We hired people with credentials to guide us with respect to these requirements." Griffin questioned the credentials of MBC to make criticisms in a public forum.

Harrison suggested that Council would have welcomed MBC having a peer review conducted on their engineering report, something they had chosen not to do. She recommended that Council simply acknowledge receipt of the letter.

The matter of a peer review has been hanging in the air for several months. MBC President Paul MacInnes agreed that a peer review would be in order, but said it is not the responsibility of his association. Harrison has mentioned that the documents would be forwarded to Transport Canada for review, but Mitchell confirmed at the time of writing that a peer review remained solely the concern of MBC and nothing had been forwarded to Transport Canada.

Harrison referred to the public meeting scheduled for the evening of July 23rd. She said, "The meeting is certainly progress and whatever comes out of the meeting will be progress as well."

Gardner said that he didn't know where to draw the line, but suggested waiting to see where the environmental review process took them. "At the point that things are good to go we can have a look at this."

CAO Lorne Mitchell, however, seemed to be at the end of his tether with letters and delegations from MBC. Referring to Muirhead's statement that 'failure to properly assess the potential costs of any required compensation

to private property owners and to include those costs in budget projects constituted an abrogation of the municipality's fiduciary responsibilities,' Mitchell said, "Throughout this process we have had letters that have been libellous and I'm tired of unsubstantiated allegations against the administration. These allegations must be supported by documents and proven."

Muirhead later confirmed that the support documentation that Mitchell seeks is very easy to access as it has been, in large part, produced by or for the municipality in the form of their budgets, reports, motions and records.

Harrison voiced concern about spending unbudgeted money dealing with concerns raised by MBC and added that even the cost of their engineer for the public meeting had not been budgeted. "When we passed the budget in January we were unaware of the costs that would be incurred to fight these allegations."

Harrison acknowledged that additional environmental work may be required, but that Council would have to wait until after the public meeting. "If our environmental work is satisfactory, I'm not sure what is being fought. We have proven that we can afford the project." Harrison agreed with the CAO that there were a lot of accusations being made. No suggestions were offered by Council, however, to follow up in any way to determine if the concerns being raised were valid.

Discounting the legal requirement for an environmental review of a project of this nature, Griffin suggested that MBC is the reason that the project is being held up. She said that she had spoken with other associations that had signed up with MBC who were simply accepting what they were being told by MBC. She said, "When I take the time to explain that the costs will be amortized over a number of years, they seem to accept the project." She also said, "There is a lot of misleading information out there."

Council passed a resolution receiving the letter as information and acknowledged that as a copy had been sent to various ministries, they would hear back if there were any issues.

MacInnes said, "I'm not sure how much longer the Council will go on with MBC consistently proving them wrong before they start to wake up and realize they're getting bad advice from their consultants." MacInnes also said that his executive was disappointed with the Council's response to their letter, but that he hadn't expected much more.

"Taxpayers are concerned that their properties will be impacted either now or at some point in the future as their trees grow. It's unfortunate to hear talk of going to lawyers when what the township should really be doing is addressing the concerns of their taxpayers. No one from the township seems willing to talk to them about those impacts. Let's talk, not sue!"

"They need to deal with the impacts and if they don't, it will simply come up and bite them later," he said.

Muirhead later said that he had not wished to offend anyone and that the letter, rather than an accusation or allegation, had simply been intended as a statement of MBC's position that it is the municipality's duty to inform property owners of any potential adverse effects that may arise from the project.

He said, "There should be no difference between a

municipal council and a private developer when it comes to a project that may have impacts on its neighbours." He suggested that full disclosure and a discussion of all the potential impacts would be required of a developer prior to Council's approval of any substantial development and the same should be required of the Council.

Referring to Harrison's repeated comments about not wanting to spend ratepayer's dollars prior to project approval, Muirhead said no such consideration had been given when the municipality purchased and expropriated nearly two hundred acres of land well before the engineering plan was developed or funding approval was received from Building Canada.

Muirhead, who has taken repeated hits for not having any 'credentials' says he's not sure how many times he has to apologise for never having obtained a degree in engineering, but said "I think that I have been pretty good not to have harped on the lack of any political science degrees on the other side of the table. He said "I have always respected the years of experience and the capacity to learn on the job and it would be nice of that was reciprocated for both myself and my colleagues. It's not important, but it would be nice."

As to the suggestion that MBC is delaying the project or costing the municipality additional monies, MacInnes said, "Are we adding something that would be outside of the normal proper practice because of our letters? Absolutely not!" ■

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Taking a Step Back in Time

History Comes to Life in the Present at Seventh Annual Stanhope Heritage Day

Although sporadic rain showers came down from the skies last Saturday, the unpredictable weather couldn't put a damper on the many festivities that were a part of Stanhope Heritage Day.

Hundreds of people – both tourists and locals – made their way to the grounds of the Stanhope Museum for the seventh annual event of its kind that celebrates the old-fashioned way of life; highlights the work of local artists; and encourages commu-



nity collaboration. For an affordable admission price of \$2, visitors were able to take a step back in time, catch some live entertainment and experience an overall great time for the whole family.

A highlight of the day for the kids undoubtedly came in the form of some furry friends who were brought out by staff from the Muskoka Wildlife Centre and Fun Park, an interactive learning centre located 10 minutes south of Gravenhurst. The large crowd of onlookers were given an interactive show-and-tell presentation with animals such as a lynx, porcupine

and an Eastern Hognose snake.

A number of local artists were also on-site providing live demonstrations. Steady clouds of billowing smoke attracted many to Tracy Green's Beverly Forge. Green, along with Daryl Sands, were blacksmithing the day away by making practical coat hangers that resembled fish.

Some of the other creators at work in the outdoors included quilters, weavers, woodworkers, tinsmiths, jewellers and potters.

But that wasn't all. Inside the council chambers was even more action.

Donna Findlay, her 12-year-old granddaughter Danniella Waller and mom Suzanne came from Hamilton to put on impressive Bobbin lace demonstrations.

"This is a fairly rare art," said Findlay, while Danniella worked away. "It originated in either Belgium or Italy about 500 years ago," she added.

By twisting and crossing bobbins on a pillow, the lace-maker can create a bevy of lace items. Most of these items are small in size because of how time consuming the craft is.

"Collars, cuffs, doilies and motifs are what we'd typically make," explained Findlay, "but once I saw a flag that was made with 1,000 bobbins. That would take years to complete."

Waller got into the craft when she was only five years old, and since then she has really gotten the hang of things.

"My grandma and mom got me into it," she said, pointing to the many ribbons she has won for her various bobbin lace creations, including a first place finish at a past Kinmount Fair.

Findlay's husband Ray was also inside doing what he's good at: bookbinding. The process involves assembling a book from a number of folded or unfolded sheets of paper or other material. It also usually involves attaching covers to the resulting text-block.

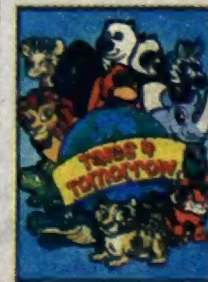
Several quilts were also on display inside and a few fish species known as the 'Haliburton Gold' were brought out for the viewing pleasure of spectators courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

All in all, Stanhope Heritage Day was a great event to be at for both those who wanted to learn about the "simpler", yet more hands-on way of life, and those who believe in the importance of preserving our history. ■



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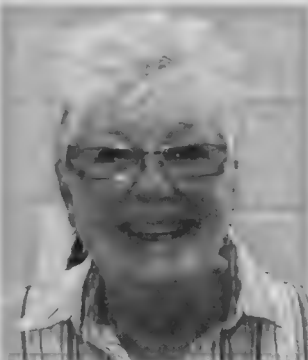
We asked students at the Haliburton School of the Arts, "How do you feel about the arts community that exists in Haliburton County? Is art important in your life? Why? Have you attended any arts or entertainment-related events this year or in the past?"



Barb Swanson, Toronto – "It's fantastic. It's wonderful to get together with a bunch of people who have the same goals, want to create and share their knowledge, and have fun. I'm a beginner. This is only the second time that I've touched acrylics. I think art is really important for balance in people's lives. I think Haliburton is wonderful community for bringing people together and the locals have been very accepting of us. In the past I've been in drumming circles and I've gone to galleries and studios."



Ewa Deszynski, Toronto – "It's unbelievable here. It's a hidden gem and I'm glad that not everyone knows about yet! This arts community definitely attracts tourists to the area and people from all walks of life. I'm not a professional artist by any means, but taking courses here allows me to transform nothing into something. I'm here for a week and was here last year. This is an incredibly supportive environment. Last year I attended some theatre shows and this weekend I'm going to the art and craft show in the park."



Louise Whale, Port Perry – "I've been taking numerous courses over the past 20 years. I sell my work in galleries and I do juried shows in Port Perry. I keep coming to Haliburton because it's so stimulating here and I get to share ideas with other painters. The faculty here are very knowledgeable and helpful and the people in the community are very generous. When I came up this summer I went to the Rails End Gallery and the Ethel Curry Gallery."



Scott Mitchell, Peterborough – "I paint at home and have been painting for the past six years. I came to the School of the Arts because people told me how good the school is. It's my third year coming here. This past fall I was in a painting and drawing course at the college campus. The instructors here are fantastic and there's a variety of art in the community. If I didn't have to make the long drive home everyday, I probably would attend the art events."

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Swine Flu 'Unstoppable'

The World Health Organization announced that the new H1N1 strain of swine flu is "unstoppable" and every country should vaccinate its citizens against the virus. The statement came as New Zealand researchers announced that H1N1 has replaced seasonal influenza as the dominant strain during that country's current wintertime flu season. Sue Huang, head of New Zealand's influenza center, said it's the most contagious bug she has ever seen. Recent reports point to older people having a relative immunity to H1N1 due to exposure to similar strains when they were younger. But the virus's effect on younger people can sometimes be life-threatening. Several companies are currently rushing to produce vaccines in time for the Northern Hemisphere's winter flu season.

Perpetual Drought

A new Australian government report says that global warming appears to be occurring faster than earlier thought likely, and the country's protracted drought is probably here to stay. *Climate Change 2009: Faster Change and More Serious Risks* draws on findings made since the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 2007 Fourth Assessment Report. Author Will Steffen writes that critical risks for Australia due to climate change also include sea-level rise, the drying trends in major parts of Australia and the likely increase in extreme weather events such as heat waves, floods and bush fires. "Climate change is with us now, and unless we act now, it will only get worse in the life of our children," Australian Minister for Climate Change and Water Penny Wong said in response to the report.

Irregular Monsoon

The late and weak arrival of this summer's monsoon rains across northern India has forced the country to divert much of its limited hydroelectric power to farmers so they can pump water into their fields at a critical point in the growing season. Hydrogeneration is running at only 40 percent of capacity due to depleted reservoirs. A month-long delay in the arrival of the monsoon in neighboring Nepal is causing fears of food shortages there as well. Despite the drought fears in the north of India, the commercial capital of Mumbai was swamped by downpours while flash floods drowned a dozen people in the eastern state of Orissa.

Philippine Rumbblings

The Philippines' most active volcano began spewing steam and rumbling due to what volcanologists say is rising magma within the cone-shaped mountain. The country's seismological agency, PHIVOLCS, said it recorded five brief tremors and observed glowing in the evenings at Mayon volcano's crater, which it says indicates a sustained amount of lava rising to the top of the volcano. Despite stern warnings from officials to stay away from Mayon, foreign and local tourists were rushing to areas near it that had been declared danger zones.

Tropical Cyclones

Tropical Storm Soudelor brought locally heavy rain and strong winds to China's Hainan and Guangdong provinces before dissipating over far northern Vietnam.

• Tropical Storm Carlos briefly attained hurricane force off Mexico's Pacific coast. Tropical Storm Dolores formed in its wake.

Earthquakes

At least one person was killed and more than 10,000 houses collapsed during a 5.7 magnitude quake on July 9 in southwest China's Yunnan province. About 76,000 buildings were wrecked.

• One of the year's most powerful quakes brought down power lines in the far southern New Zealand city of Invercargill. It also toppled objects and cracked walls in Queenstown and several other communities.

• Earth movements were also felt in Taiwan, southern Peru and parts of the San Diego metropolitan area.

Quake Squid

First came a rumble of an offshore tremor, then came the calamari. Very big calamari. Residents of San Diego's seaside community of La Jolla who were awakened by a 4.0 magnitude quake on July 11 got a further shock if they went to the beach — dozens of giant squid littering the beach. "It's like their equilibrium is all messed up and they don't know what they're doing and they can't back out there," Bill Baumann told *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. Soon seagulls began swooping down to feed on the Humboldt squid, 3 to 4 feet in length and weighing nearly 40 pounds. Some beachgoers tried to carry the slimy creatures back into the water, but the squid kept washing back to shore. NOAA marine biologist John Hyde said that it was unlikely the squid were driven to the shore by the earthquake. One possible cause is that the cephalopods chased small fish too close to shore, then became disoriented in the surf.

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Problems Encountered with Buckslide Dam Bridge Rehabilitation

But – Who's Going to Pay?

The discovery of a large void in one of the core walls of the Buckslide Dam leaves little doubt that the Algonquin Highlands Council will be facing additional costs when it comes to rehabilitation of the Buckslide Bridge; or with the fact that Parks Canada will likely offer limited financial support.

Operations Manager Brian Whetstone reported the problem to Council at their meeting last week. According to Whetstone, there is a substantial amount of water coming through the void that was discovered during the course of construction. He said that some remedial action had been taken and confirmed that, despite the change in water flow, he has received permission from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to proceed with the work.

According to Whetstone, initially it was very difficult to determine exactly where the water was coming from given the amount of rip rap in place. Whetstone advised that the contractor had since found the void and will attempt to fill it in and cover it over with a steel plate prior to proceeding with their contract.

However, the contractor has been clear about the fact that there will be additional expenses and a possible delay incurred as a result of the disruption and additional work related to dewatering measures taken and additional struts being installed.

Whetstone also noted that the concrete in the core wall doesn't seem to be of good quality which could create additional problems in the future.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison concurred with a recommendation from the project engineer Matt MacDonald (of G. D. Jewell Engineering Inc.) that a letter be drafted to the Chief Engineer of Parks Canada indicating that it is their responsibility to contribute to the cost of the project and requesting confirmation on their position on the matter.

According to Mac Donald, Parks Canada have so far indicated that all of their dams leak, but in this instance the leaks found on the south core wall of the dam are far greater than what would be expected. He said that Parks Canada should bear responsibility for all costs associated with the void to date, as well as the costs to move forward with the project.

Harrison said that she felt the municipality was being paid lip service by Parks Canada during a meeting held last week about the matter and suggested that the Council should be prepared to 'go political if necessary' at the upcoming Association



of Municipalities of Ontario convention.

Councillor Don Shortread inquired whether there would be further problems with the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) if they carry on with the work and CAO Lorne Mitchell confirmed that TSW had given permission to do whatever was necessary to reduce the flow of water in order to make the necessary repairs.

Whetstone pointed out that this is a very unique situation in that the province contracted to build the dam and the bridge at the same time and that the onus is now on them as joint owners to participate. He said, "Dialogue with them should continue and I think we will have a reasonably good case to make."

Harrison asked for Council's permission to make federal MP Barry Devolin aware of the situation. "That way, if we feel there is a need by the middle of August to do something different, he will have been kept informed."

Council concurred. ■

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Maybelle Morton is broadcasting her Fireside Stories program on Canoe Radio from the not-quite-bustling metropolis of Holyburton, Ontario.

Right on cue, on live radio, Beanpole Starkman crashes his vintage biplane into Maybelle's woodpile.

Third time this month.

Vilma Yuccch emerges from the biplane wreckage with Beanpole and Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom.

They knock on Maybelle Morton's door and enter her makeshift living room studio, just as she's preparing to air her monthly Fireside Stories broadcast.

As Maybelle's radio engineer, Nikki B is prone to saying: "Oh Yeah!"

Ruptions always seem to break out just as Maybelle Morton is about to air another episode.

Fireside Stories on Canoe FM.

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Fireside Stories -- in Haliburton or Holyburton - actually smolders and shimmers to life on the second weekend of every month. The show airs at 12:45 pm on Saturday and again at 5 pm on Sunday right here on Canoe FM 100.9 radio. The first show aired in December of 2008.

Fireside Stories is an esoteric and exotic rural pastiche from the creative mind of Jerelyn Craden. Craden is the director and writer of Fireside Stories and plays the parts of Maybelle Morton, the eclectic-minded and genial host who never seems to get a chance to finish one of her fireside tales.

She is assisted by a great cast of local players including Tim Nicholson, Caryl Miller, JJ

Miller, Terry Anderson and Canoe Sound Engineer Nick Bronson who plays the terse Nicki B, he of the deliberative non-sequitur.

Craden is a relative newcomer to the Highlands, but her body of work is comprehensive ... and escalating.

She's an actor, a writer, a director and a singer. Since arriving here in the Highlands she has offered her copious and wide-ranging talents to theatrical productions and concerts.

Since December she has been concentrating on putting together an episode a month of Fireside Stories for Canoe FM Volunteer Community radio here in Haliburton.

It's time consuming and exacting work, but Craden loves it.

"It's very challenging," laughs Craden. "And I'm very hard on myself, but it's a lot of fun. It's something I've always wanted to do and Canoe has been wonderfully supportive."

Indeed, the show has even been recognized nationally at the recent Canadian National Campus and Community Radio Association's (NCRA) annual Community Radio Awards night held in Montreal earlier this month.

Haliburton County's 100.9 Canoe Fm received the NCRA's Community Development Award recognizing programming, special events, charity fundraising and partnerships with other local organizations.

Canoe FM also received an honourable mention in two other categories. The first was for Creative Production for a public service announcement for the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament featuring Constable Mark McMaster and James Reilly.

And the quirky and quixotic Maybelle Morton took home another honourable mention for Current Affairs or Magazine show for Fireside Stories.

Craden says that the honourable mention was a singular accomplishment considering that there was no specific award for comedy or ongoing radio series. Instead Fireside Stories was lumped in with that catch-all current affairs category.

Going up against news and current affairs programming was a special challenge for the non-niche Fireside Stories. So quite a tribute to Canoe and Craden then that the judges saw fit to recognize the program with that flattering honourable mention.

Craden says that she hopes to

continue the series into next year - if the powers at Canoe FM see fit to reward the show with a contract extension.

She's gratified and a little non-plussed at the show's success both locally and nationally.

All eight episodes of fireside chats are available in mp3 format on the Canoe Fm website located at www.canoe.fm.

In August Canoe will be airing a repeat broadcast as Craden prepares for a gig at the Wintergreen Concerts next month.

All of the episodes fine-tuned to the time of year and are based loosely on events in and around the Highlands.

Some fans of the show still haven't tweaked to her alias, but that's all part of the fun says Craden.

"Tim Nicholson works as a master carpenter and they know that he's on the show," smiles Craden. "Tim was working on a house and the owner, an older man, asked him who this 'Maybelle Morton' was."

Which brings us to the pressing question.

Who is Maybelle Morton?

Turns out that Maybelle is a character that Jerelyn did long ago for a well-known restaurant chain.

"The character I do as Maybelle Morton, I've done her for years," laughs Craden. "Maybelle? I did her for an A and W commercial. We had a type of writer that was really funny. Maybelle was a situational character. I remember she was just some funny crotchety old lady."

Craden has worked a lot of jobs over her varied career in both radio and television.

Her blog (located at vessieflamingo.blogspot.com) sums up her many accomplishments in an all-encompassing thumbnail retrospective.

"I started out as a singer-songwriter, became active in radio, television, and film on camera, behind the microphone on voiceovers and jingles; wrote network sitcom, family-adventure, animation series, plays; won Canada's GEMINI award for Best Television Variety Writer. As a Marketing Communications Consultant/Writer in the U.S. and Canada, my mission and passion is to find or create the heart of a brand and position and promote it in a way that moves people to action. It's all about "story" -- telling the story of a person, company, product or service that touches people, wakes them up, and compels them to think, feel, and act."

She worked with a burgeoning talent, one Martin Short, on a radio program for CBC. Other credits include voiceovers as several villains in the Inspector Gadget animated series.

Back in 1982 and 83 she moved down to New York and did some writing for several animated shows like SilverHawks and ThunderCats. Her book "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon: A Tale of Self-Mastery and Love" and her play, "Happy" have both been accorded critical acclaim.

And she loves every aspect of her life here in Haliburton. She arrived here in the winter of 2007.

She is free here.

Free to explore new horizons.

Free to explore her lifelong dedication to muse.

"Writing and singing are my passions, and I'm lucky to be living here in the Highlands," says Jerelyn Craden, aka Maybelle Morton.

Oh, there have been challenges.

But those challenges, says Craden, make life interesting.

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That last bit from Jerelyn.

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Do Dogs Secretly Wish they were Cows?

People, dogs and even bears are omnivores, i.e. they eat a variety of foods including meat, vegetables, and fruits. Dogs are not cows and cannot digest the vegetable matter like cows do and it does not give them much nutrition when they do eat it. Then why do dogs eat grass? If you ask 10 people, you will get 10 answers to that question and all will be vastly different. The one answer I know that is far from the truth is that "dogs want to vomit so they eat grass". As silly as that sounds, I hear that all the time. Grass can be irritating to the stomach lining and it may cause them to vomit but dogs do not reason that out, nor do any sane dogs that I know ever really want to vomit. Reasoning requires a frontal lobe, the part of the brain above the eyebrows and dogs have less of that lobe than humans. They do not calculate, manipulate or connive. That is why we love them so much but it is also why they cannot reason.

Researchers in California were looking for a link between nutritional deficiency, stomach upset and grass eating in dogs. It was found that 80 percent of dogs ate grass. Less than 3 percent of those dogs were ill but 5 percent of them vomited up the grass after consumption. They surveyed over 1,500 dog clients and found that the diet the dogs were on did not play a role in whether they ate grass or not. Dogs eating just table scraps or raw diets or even high quality commercial diets all were found to have the same amount of grass eating and vomiting, and illness prior to eating the grass. The researchers concluded that grass eating was not related to illness and that it is a normal dog behavior and that sometimes they vomit afterwards but not always. Hopefully all that information garnered from the study was worth the money put into it.

The other comment about nutritional deficiency heard from dog lovers is that their dog eats their own or other dogs feces to get the nutrients they did not get from the food. Dogs are not rabbits either. Now if dogs were like rabbits, they would eat their feces for a reason. Rabbits need to eat "night" feces to get the nutrition out of the food they ingested. The "night feces" look different from regular feces and are eaten right out of the anus. Rabbits are hind gut fermentators so the digestion of the food happens after the food has passed through the part of the intestine where it can be absorbed so it needs to go through twice. Bunnies and horses are similar in their digestion and foals too must eat feces but the thought is that foals need to inoculate their gut with the adult gut flora or the bacteria in the hind gut of an adult. Dogs are neither Rabbits nor Horses.

Eating feces or coprophagy is, however, a normal dog behavior. Normal but we humans just do not like to see it. Bitches lick the anuses of the puppies to encourage defecation when nursing. In the wild the canids find competitors feces in the bush marking some area, eat it and deposit their own there, thus taking over their territory. This natural behavior in dogs can be wisely used by new puppy owners to get a puppy defecating in one place every time. We do not want them eating the feces but they need to smell the feces. There is a reflex arch from the nose to the brain to the colon and they defecate. It is not quite that simple but it suffices to explain how dogs mark territory. The lovely aroma from the anal glands is deposited on top of the feces for the entire world to smell. Ever notice that dogs that have accidents in the house always have the accident in the same general area? They can smell odours much better than we can and it induces them to go again if the colon is full. Use this to train a new pup to go to the bathroom in one place, it works well.

The parasitic benefit of coprophagy or eating feces is clear. The eggs are deposited in the feces, dogs eat the feces or the grass where the feces were and the eggs hatch into worms in the intestines, they produce eggs and go out in the feces. Thus the perpetual parasite cycle continues all over Haliburton County.

Since it is normal dog behavior to eat grass and feces, we just have to put up with it. Use de-wormers frequently and clean up the vomit in the house or you can put powders in the dogs food to make the feces taste bad so they will stop eating it. Just understand that to dogs, disgusting as it may seem to us humans, feces really must taste good. ■

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A is for Aria



A is for Aria
A speech sung, not said
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And so starts a remarkable children's book by teacher and children's opera producer Dawn Martens. "I've always believed that opera is particularly suited to children," Martens told the Voice. "Grand Opera is really the ultimate video game – and once exposed to it, children find it entrancing."

Martens is a life-long cottager on Mountain Lake north of Minden, and has taught music for many years at Buchanan Park Public School in her native Hamilton. She's internationally known for her work with young children and opera. Her elaborate opera productions

starring Kindergarten to Grade 6 students are produced completely by the students – sets, costumes, singers, actors – and have won rave reviews from parents, teachers, and opera professionals worldwide. Martens herself has been awarded the Music Education Excellence Award from the Kodaly Society of Canada, an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, and an induction into the McMaster University Alumni Gallery.

Martens has produced 15 full-length operas for children – everything from La Boheme to The Magic Flute, with all proceeds going to children's cancer research. To date over \$35,000 has been raised, which is not a bad side-benefit for what has clearly been an exceptional educational experience for almost a generation of children. Interest in her program, and her book, has come from opera companies from Edmonton to Covent Garden to Sydney, Australia.

"Opera is a great way to introduce 10 – 13 year olds to all aspects of theatrical productions – they just seem to understand the huge emotions and life and death struggles that opera delivers," John Fanning, a baritone with many years experience with the Canadian Opera Company, and a recipient of the Order of Canada, told the Voice that "Dawn's productions are absolutely remarkable. I've had the opportunity to appear,

as a comic walk-on in more than one of her shows – as the Dragon in The Magic Flute, for example, and I can attest to just how musically excellent and full of energy these productions are."

In an introduction to A is for Aria, Fanning writes, "How many times have I heard people say, 'I don't like opera', only to admit that they have never actually attended an opera performance!"

"Dawn Martens has tackled barriers such as this directly, by introducing opera stories and music to the en-

Mountain Lake Cottager launches Children's Opera Book

Stephen Patrick

Editor



Left: Dawn Martens at her Mountain Lake cottage. Above: The A is for Aria cast pose with Martens.

tire school from Kindergarten to Grade 6. She recognizes that opera – the most comprehensive of all art forms with its singing, dancing, fabulous costumes, sets, props and lighting – addresses many diverse subjects taken directly from the curriculum. Every student becomes an eager participant, and their joy and energy is so infectious it becomes an epidemic hurtling through the school community.

"To these kids, opera is not something that is scary, elitist, arcane, and only for 'eggheads', but rather a vibrant and fun celebration of learning. And, having spoken to many of the students after their performances, they often tell me how their experience has, on many levels, provided them with an empowering sense of where they are in the world and who they are as human beings."

John Fanning has also been an instructor at the Highlands Opera Program, and can't wait to return to the Haliburton this summer. "I grew up in North Bay, and I love it in Haliburton – the Opera program is a delight to be a part of, it has such great energy – it's truly exceptional."

Both Martens and Fanning are deeply impressed as well by the range and quality of the various musical, theatrical and artistic activities that take place in the Highlands, not just in the summer, but year round. "This isn't just cottage country any more, that's for certain," says Martens.

"A is for Aria" started out as a full Buchanan Park production, and almost effortlessly morphed into a book. The illustrations have all been created by Dawn's students over the years and provide a often hilarious counterpoint to the text. Beside each Letter are two illustrations and a short explanation. For example, "J is for jealous, As lovers can be. Remember Rodolfo, And poor sick Mimi?" is followed by a text that explains, "Emotions run high in opera. In any performance you will find characters loving, hating, killing, deceiving, or all of these put together! And the path of love never runs smooth. Even the famous lovers in Puccini's La Boheme, Rodolfo and Mimi, have a falling-out because of jealousy. And what greater example is there of jealousy than Carmen's jilted lover, Don Jose? He gets so jealous that he ... well, go and see the opera!"

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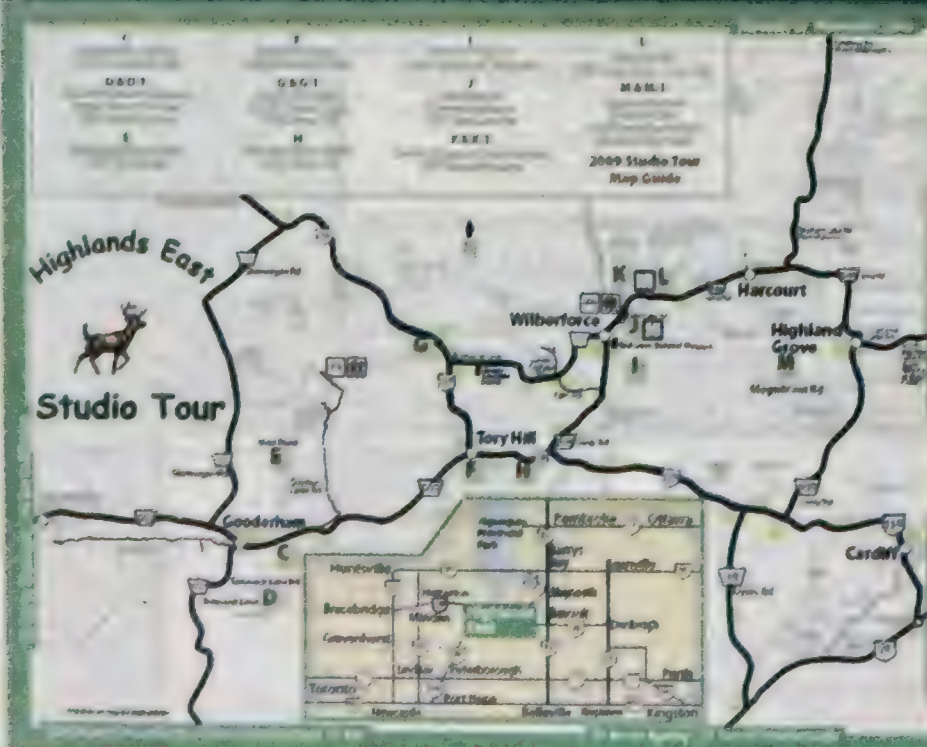
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Despite the intermittent showers, the third annual Wuffstock event was a tail-wagging success. Dogs got washed, cars got scrubbed and the rinse cycles were courtesy of Mother Nature. While squeaky-clean pooches modeled their new scarves and snacked on "Wuffies", MEAC's home-made dog treats, their care-staff (sometimes referred to as owners) busied themselves deciding among the wonderful assortment of articles generously provided by local businesses.

The almost \$900.00 raised through Wuffstock will allow MEAC (Minden Emergency Animal Care) to continue its work providing medical care and placements for injured and sick abandoned and homeless pets in the Minden area. MEAC is a fully volunteer organization, which depends solely on donations and fund-raising events. Unlike most regions, there are no government-assisted facilities and/or financial support available locally. In the past, these animals have been left alone to suffer or have been conveniently disposed of. If you would like to help, MEAC is always in need of volunteers and donors. And there is still time to enter the 2010 pet photo calendar contest. Check out MEAC's web site at: <http://www.meac2007.com/>

The MEAC team would like to thank the volunteers for their time, the business sponsors for their generosity, the media for their assistance, the participants (both two and four legged) and financial donors for their caring support. MEAC couldn't exist without all of you!

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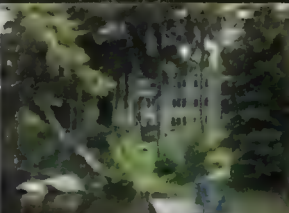
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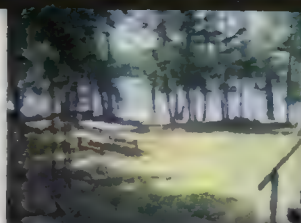
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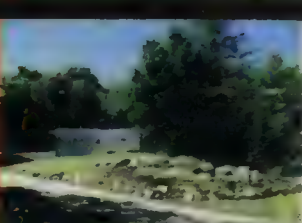
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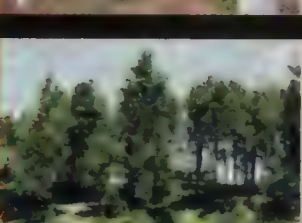
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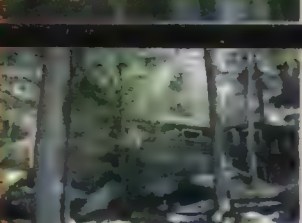
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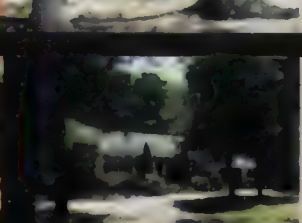
170 feet of sand shoreline in this quiet bay - 1494 sq. ft. cottage or home. Spacious country kitchen with w/o to porch - w/o living room to deck - fireplace - 3 bedrooms - guest cabin - garage - beautiful sunsets from here - private boat launch - twp road



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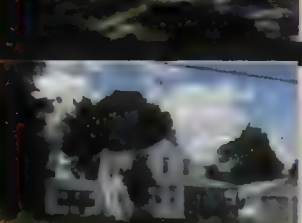
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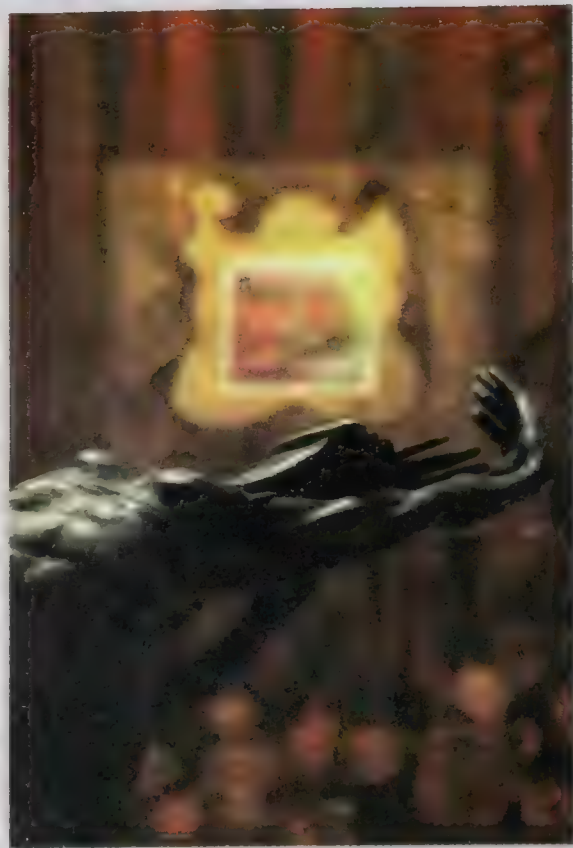
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Ontario Arts Council Honours Agnes Jamieson

The Ontario Arts Council (OAC) has awarded Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery (AJG) "Recommender Gallery" status, which means that local and regional artists can apply to the AJG for exhibition assistance grants. In essence a Recommender Gallery acts as a third party disburser on Ontario Arts Council Exhibition Assistance grants. Those grants assist visual artists, craft artists and media artists with costs directly related to presenting their work in a confirmed, upcoming, public exhibition. The minimum grant awarded is \$500 and the maximum is \$1,500 per year.

Minden Hills Cultural Centre Director Daniela Pagliaro commented, "The OAC and I started the conversation around possible recommender status locally about four years ago. The OAC was impressed by the level of arts activity in our county, and in particular the growing number of artists who have made visual art of craft their first career. The OAC's new strategic priorities include supporting these new artists and supporting activity in areas outside of urban Ontario. This is big coup for Minden and the County." ■

Old County Roads Continue to Create Headaches

It would appear that concerns over historic or Colonization Roads are not restricted to Dysart alone. At the last Highlands East Council meeting, David Bamford raised a concern about trees being cut and fences and signs being torn down from use of an old road that crosses a portion of his property. The road in question used to be the old Highway 500 which ran through Cardiff Township from the Peel Road east to Ojibway Road.

Bamford wrote that as the owner and taxpayer for the property in question, he has had to endure local and visiting persons making use of his property for their recreational pleasure. However, the pleasure seems to have been all theirs as according to Bamford considerable damage has been done. He wrote that his major concern is that he is liable for everything that occurs on the property even though the people using his land were uninvited.

Bamford reminded Council that years ago a verbal agreement had been reached between his grandfather and the Township to exchange a portion of the land fronting on his property (now known as Highway 648) for the portion of land that was first described as the 'Old 500.'

Bamford said that he had pictures showing damage from ATV's and recreational users crossing his property. He also suggested that the municipality should speak to him prior to any work being done outside of the road allowance. Bamford described the road as a wheel track (a colloquialism used to describe the used portion of an old road, rather than a full 66' right of way). However, Councillor Gary Stoughton commented that the old road used to be a highway, so it would not be considered a wheel track.

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig advised Bamford that there was nothing on the deed indicating that an official road was there, and suggested that it may have been a forced road. (According to Stoughton-Craig a forced road was a road that went through private property without benefit of title to the landowner.)

Councillor Stoughton said, "The road used to be the original highway to Bancroft and was not a forced road." The CAO advised Council that a search would have to be conducted on the road and Bedford's property to determine its actual status and whether it had been Colonization Road.

Again, Bamford said that while he didn't have evidence of the fact, when the highway was constructed through Cardiff there had been an exchange with his grandfather for the land. According to Bamford the Township received 300' of deeded highway, adding that the information should be in the Cardiff Township files.

Stoughton said, "If there was a trade it would be your property and the information would be in our records." He also reminded Bamford that the Municipality does not give their roads up and never had.

Bamford asked what the Municipality's response would be if someone wanted to use the road and Stoughton-Craig responded that until he proved that the land was his, it would be considered the property of the Municipality and available for use by the public.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie inquired who had been cutting trees and Bamford said he had a good idea who it was, but he didn't want to point fingers. He did say, "There has been a lot of damage done and the police are involved." He also informed the Council that he had installed a fence as was his legal right to do on his own property.

Stoughton-Craig, however, commented that if the road belongs to Highlands East he didn't have the right to put up a fence. Despite this comment, she added "If it's on your property it is a private matter."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said that she had inspected the property and none of the downed trees were freshly cut, but instead appeared to be deadfall.

Bamford, obviously frustrated, told the Council that if the matter could not be resolved he is prepared to sell the property. "I don't want to deal with any more of this and if I sell, Highlands East will be given the first opportunity to buy the property." He also advised Council that should they be of the opinion that the 'Old 500' should remain as a public road, he would look forward to the opening and maintenance of this portion of the road.

Reeve Dave Burton confirmed that the municipality would investigate the status of the property and determine what could be done about an exchange.

Stoughton-Craig later said that she understood Bamford's concerns. She confirmed that a lot of the old abandoned roads are used for recreational activities and it has been the policy of the Municipality that if the old roads run from one trail to another, residents have not been allowed to shut access off. Stoughton-Craig said that there have been many interpretations provided on the status of old roads and ownership is often very hard to determine.

Burton confirmed that he and Stoughton-Craig were scheduled to meet with Bamford sometime over the next several weeks. ■

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The Ingoldsby Church



1949 Gathering (Helen Newton – front center)



Helen Newton standing in front of 1928 quilt bearing her grandparents' names



Karen Roberton Dunsmore, Kate Dunsmore, Lois Roberton Freeman, and Queenie Roberton Simpson. Three generations of builder Andrew Roberton's family were in attendance to celebrate



Andrew Roberton, (1951) builder of the present day Ingoldsby United Church



Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans



Illustration by J. Robinson 1995

Eighty Years and Counting

Ingoldsby United Church celebrated its 80th anniversary this past Sunday. In 1928, the present brick church replaced a wood frame structure that had been erected in 1888; much of it financed by the churchwomen.

The builder, Andrew Roberton, lived on a farm on Lake Kashagawigamog close to where the Bonnie View Inn is presently situated. Although Mr. Roberton passed away in 1953 at age 74, he was well represented at the anniversary celebration. Two of his daughters, a great grand daughter and great, great grand daughter were in attendance on Sunday. Roberton's daughter, Lois Roberton Freeman, recounted how the community honoured her dad with a tangible thank-you for the wonderful church he had provided them. She tells of the gift, an easy chair, being delivered to Lochlin by train from Toronto, and how Alex Burk carried the hefty armchair home on his back so it could be presented to her father the following Sunday. He treasured that chair, and it is still in the family.

In the basement of the church, small groups of people took turns locating relatives' names that were embroidered on the historic 1928 quilt, while old photos, drawings, books and memories were shared among friends, parishioners and neighbours.

Andrew Roberton created a physical structure where people would gather, worship and share each other's lives eighty years after his work was done. ■

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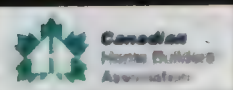
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Watson falls into a Cink hole – But emerges smiling

Zen and the art of Tiger maintenance



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Tom Watson summed it all up at the post British Open press conference.

"This ain't a funeral, you know," said Tom.

Maybe not a funeral.

But certainly a sullied epithet on an almost once in a lifetime event.

And a sad elegy for fifth and sixth decade hackers all across North America.

"It would have been a hell of a story, wouldn't it?" he said, and repeated, "It would have been a hell of a story. It wasn't to be. And yes, it's a great disappointment. It tears at your gut, as it always has torn at my gut. It's not easy to take. I put myself in position to win, didn't do it in the last hole."

And it was and remains a story.

We'll remember Stewart Cink as the winner of the 2009 British Open at Turnberry not so much for what he did.

More, we'll remember it for what Tom didn't.

Tom Watson, at 59, almost pulled off one for the ages in Scotland last weekend.

He was an eight-foot putt away from history.

But as we heard from the pundits in the booth and on the course.

Ad infinitum and ad nauseum.

Tom Watson has an Achilles heel.

Eight foot putts.

His bete-noire.

With Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus – different story.

Both known as baby-faced assassins on the short grass.

Known for drilling those taut and tight eight footers on the final holes, when it counts.

Tom Watson was known – and now, sadly, will be known forever more – for not being able to handle the yippy dips on those short money drains.

And, last Sunday, up one and almost home, Watson let down a nation of senior citizen golfers and fans.

But let's get one thing absolutely straight.

No one, and I mean no one, was more ripped up about that missed putt – and later the missed drives and misplaced shots in the four hole playoff loss to Stewart Cink – than Watson.

We just didn't get a feel for it.

Why?

Because there, on the eighteenth green, watching Stewart Cink, hands raised in victory, is a picture of Tom Watson.

Tom Watson is smiling. Not that dour callow smile of a smug-gler – or a Tiger.

The smile is unmistakably genuine. You can see at once that Tom Watson is truly happy for Stewart Cink. The same guy who lapped him by six strokes in the four-hole playoff.

You knew he was hurting.

The missed putt from eight feet.

The way it was missed.

No follow through.

Pushed outside the line as soon as putter head connected with the ball.

The shoulder sag.

And small shake of the head.

And here he was on 18, watching Cink.

Handling it like a gentleman.

Big broad smile on his time-weathered mug as Stewart Cink drains his final putt to win the British Open.

Cink's first major tournament victory.

And after the disappointing loss, Tom Watson attending the press conference and answering all the questions in a forthright manner.

Tom Watson, taking time to notice, the dour, almost funereal silence in the press tent.

Tom Watson injecting humor, some good-natured 'aw shucks' one-offs and his own take of events.

Acknowledging too the real story.

Goshdamit' said Tom Watson.

Stewart Cink won this tourney fair and square.

And why bother mentioning all this yin-yang and bonhomie?

Well, because it's refreshing in pro sports today, where too many athletes feel that athletic success is a natural outcrop of their good looks and structured upbringing.

We bring it up mostly in the vain hopes that one Tiger Woods might have been watching.

And taking notes.

Tiger Woods is a champion.

In every sense of the word.

However, after missing the cut on Friday, Tiger Woods petulantly refused a one-on-one with TNT.

Over the course of the two days in Turnberry, we witnessed a meltdown of his game.

But also in his on-course demeanor.

Nothing that new, but of late it's become a de rigueur part of his two-but sideshow act. An act that is compounded by the growing loutishness of his bodyguard-slash-caddy Crazy Stevie Williams.

Tiger Woods has an awesome barrage of four letter epithets in his bag. He unleashed some on his way to missing only his third cut since 1997 last week in Turnberry.

On Thursday and Friday he banged, bruised and threw his clubs after errant shots from tee or fairway and sometimes even, on the green.

This is not the exuberance of youth. Tiger is 33.

Too old for this nonsense. His handlers at IMG and Nike call it a pressing "will to win."

Hogwash.

It's poor sportsmanship, it's petulance and it's quite irritating.

Hopefully he was watching last weekend.

Hopefully he took note of Watson's comments in the tall strangling fescue as he joked with his caddie during the playoff.

"We'll try to bang it out of here," chirped Watson, bravely.

And all the time aware that he didn't have a snowball's chance of moving that ball more than 20 yards.

His shot ended short of the fairway and back in the tall fescue.

He shrugged and walked nonchalantly up to his ball.

At that moment Watson was acutely aware that he had just chunked any chance of winning the British Open.

But he walked up to the ball calmly.

And he had another go.

Not an f-bomb uttered.

Not a club unfurled, dropped or hurled.

Tiger we love you.

But it's time to hearken an old Zen master, Tom Watson.

"Walk softly ... when carrying those big sticks." ■

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Take me out to the Ball Game!

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

The Township of Minden Hills kids' recreational baseball program is alive and well. Due to high demand, the league has expanded to eight teams from the original six. Players aged 3 to 14 are enjoying t-ball and 3-pitch every week.

The focus is on fun, sportsmanship and basic skills. Although teams do keep track of the scores, nobody seems to care much. Players and coaches encourage each other regardless of which team they are assigned, and many spectators have discovered that an evening at the ball park is the best free entertainment going on Monday nights. Anyone interested in information about the baseball league can contact Rick Cox at the Minden township office 286-1260 #220. ■



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Matt Duchene signs Rookie Deal Worth \$9.6 Million

**Departure
of Sakic and
Smyth opens
possibilities
for Duchene**

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor



Gone are Joe Sakic and Ryan Smyth — Smyth to trade and Sakic to retirement.

Enter ... Matthew Duchene?

Well, not written in stone quite yet.

But the Colorado Avalanche — now down two front line forwards from last year's National Hockey League campaign — have unlocked the door and placed a sign on the stoop.

Call it a "Welcome Matt."

Call it a heck of an opportunity.

Duchene was in Denver for the rookie and prospects camp last week from July 7-12 and last Thursday (July 16th) the NHL club signed Duchene — the number three first round pick in the NHL entry draft — to the standard three year entry level rookie contract at \$900,000 per annum.

With signing bonuses the value of the deal in US dollars works out to \$9.6 million.

That leaves the Avs with a salary cap hit of 3.2 million per season through to 2011.

Earlier, the top two picks in the draft — John Tavares of the Islanders and Victor Hedman of Tampa Bay — each signed similar deals.

They will also receive the same \$900,000 in salary each of the next three seasons, but have higher bonuses. Their packages are worth \$11.25 million over three years, so the cap hits for their teams are \$3.75 million a season.

Not unusual for such a discrepancy between a number one and a number three, but a little surprising, considering the fact that these three were rated almost identically heading into the draft.

Of course, Tavares will be headed into the fishbowl of New York, and Hedman, well he will be asked to step into the fray as a legitimate first or second line blueliner from the opening bump with Tampa.

So maybe the Swede and the sniper are going to earn their extra \$1.6 million in signing considerations.

And, nudge and wink, we can only assume that of the three, Matt Duchene is the guy who has fallen into a fluffy comforter.

Duchene grew up playing with Rocket Richard's number, but signed Colorado jerseys occupy the holy high ground in his room.

One signed by Patrick Roy and the other by Sakic.

He's a long time Colorado Avalanche fan.

And he, like a lot of young hockey players, also grew up idolizing Sakic.

Duchene could do worse than model his career after the self-effacing son of Croatian immigrants.

Sakic is the quintessential team player.

Not an "I" guy.

Joe Sakic has always been a "we" guy.

He's retired, but you can bet that he'll have some role in the fate of the Avs this season.

Sources close to the team say that the departure of Sakic and Ryan Smyth (in a trade to Los Angeles) signals a trend.

Denver Post sportswriter Terry Frei says that the Avs are making steps to retool and retrend.

"Sakic's retirement leaves Paul Stastny; Wojtek Wolski, who also played his major junior hockey with Brampton; and T.J. Hensick penciled in as Colorado's top three centers next season," says Frei. "Wolski was switched from wing last season and had moments of brilliance and great promise before seeming to hit a wall. It's conceivable he could end up back at wing — especially if Duchene sticks."

And of course for Haliburton hockey fans, that's the question that will be on everyone's lips as the summer dwindles to season. Hockey season that is.

Duchene, who we should remember is only 18, skated with other Avalanche prospects in the team's development camp last week. He'll be attending the regular camp when that gets underway in September.

He could play up to 10 games with the Avalanche at the outset of the season before the team has to decide whether to keep him on the NHL roster for all of 2009-10 or send him back to Brampton for more experience. At that point, he can't be recalled.

Duchene is well aware of the situation and he knows that he's being offered, whether by plan or by happenstance, with the chance of a lifetime this summer.

The chance to get into the best shape of his life and the opportunity to nail down a spot on the NHL club.

"Joe's retiring and Smyth got traded. So, yeah, I guess they're talking about going a little bit younger," Duchene told the Denver Post last Thursday. "I guess there's an opportunity there for me either this year or next year, so I'm going to try to make the best of whatever comes my way."

Duchene has an invite to the Canadian National Junior team tryout camp slated for August 5-10 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Not surprising that Duchene is hoping that he won't be available for the actual tournament.

He's hoping that he'll be playing instead for the Colorado Avalanche.

He's hoping to fulfill that dream that started some 14 years ago right here in Haliburton on the ice of the old Dysart et al Arena.

That's a lot of hope.

But, he knows it's close.

"If I'm here right off the hop, I'm going to try and get into the mentality and contribute whatever I can, and as the year goes on, I'll become more comfortable and things will slow down for me out there," said Duchene. "That's the way I'm looking at it right now. I'm not putting any pressure on myself — do my best, and have some fun and hopefully grab a spot."

Whatever the outcome.

It's going to be an interesting autumn for young Matt Duchene. ■



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Minden Fringe

by George Farrell

Lost and Found and Pakistani Sugar Wrap Up Second Season



Brigitte Gall stars in Pakistani Sugar

Saturday July 18th

at the Wintergreen Pancake Barn in Gelert saw the second season of Minden Fringe draw to a close in front of another sold out crowd. Patrons of that winning combo of meal and theatre were entertained in style by three engaging storytellers.

The first act of the evening featured *Lost and Found On The Free River*, written and performed by the combo of Fay Wilkinson and Jim Blake. The second act consisted of *Pakistani Sugar*, based on a true story, and written and performed by Brigitte Gall.

Lost and Found is a "tale told in two voices by the co-conspirators of the Creative Cocoon Storytellers, known for cobbling together humour and irony in a playful way." Wilkinson and Blake's piece answered the question "What happens when a dam is removed and the river runs free? Things are lost, things are found and a story is revealed." It was stand up storytelling, lean and mean. The set consisted of two chairs, and when one person was speaking the other was sitting mute and still. The story unfolded from the aspect of the two separate voices, yet their different tales were intertwined by common threads in the storylines. What ensued was a fascinating voyage told by two seasoned vets of the genre. Totally lacking in any sort of theatrical device, the performance nonetheless held the audience enthralled, and you could have heard a pin drop. Perhaps the piece was a tad overlong at 66 minutes, and some people who have seen the duo before might have wanted to see the interaction that has previously spiced up their performances. But the applause from people who were familiar with Jim and Fay, as well as many first time viewers was reflective of their genuine appreciation.

Pakistani Sugar was a different kettle of fish entirely, though like *Lost and Found* there was basically no set; the small stage being filled by the exuberance of Brigitte Gall, that well-known comedienne and TV personality. Her story was about an event that happened to her as a young woman. Calling her younger self "a white trash bingo-queen skank," who wore "roach clip earrings with a feather," Gall opened with some pungent humour of her early Regina days that had the audience in stitches. From there she moved on, as her skanky self somehow managed to hook up with Canada World Youth on a trip to Pakistan, where she met a young Pakistani girl, who through her sad demise was to change the course of Brigitte's life.

Brigitte has just recently returned from a successful and wearying stint at the To-

ronto Fringe Festival, and while the audience lapped up her every word and gave back with copious applause, her energy level was not quite up to what one expects from this high octane performer. She ended her piece rather abruptly with words to the effect that the imminent demise of her Pakistani friend ultimately gave voice to her own "need to make people laugh." It left things a bit up in the air inasmuch as questions remained as to the process of how exactly her sad experience in Pakistan led to her becoming a comedienne. But maybe that's another story for another performance.

Even a slightly weary Brigitte Gall is a performer to be reckoned with, and despite the rather sobering ending she delivered yet another enlightening performance, which we've come to expect from this vi-



Fay Wilkinson and Jim Blake

vacious woman.

And so Minden Fringe came to a close. Michael Fay is convener of Playwrights Workshop Minden, the group that stages the Fringe. He summed up the second year; "Minden Fringe exceeded our expectations again this year with sell out crowds witnessing original performances and plays, anchored by a growing cadre of local talent."

While it's true that the performances were sold out, this year there were only two nights, as opposed to four in the inaugural year. Two thousand and ten should prove a watershed year for Minden Fringe. It all hinges on that "cadre of local talent." This year saw a reduction in suitable submissions to Fringe. So come on all you talented writers, you know who you are. It's time to step up and contribute to that great alternate theatrical experience which is the Minden Fringe. ■

Shannon Butcher's Soothing Sounds at School of the Arts

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On Thursday, July 16, the songstress and some of her band mates took to the stage of the Great Hall in Haliburton's Fleming College. The one-hour free show was offered to summer students and the general public.

Shows such as Butcher's have been put on at the college in the summer months for many years, says Shelley Schell, coordinator of part-time programs at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

"We offer seven weeks of entertainment every Thursday following the walkabouts of the school," said Schell. A majority of concertgoers are students, and often times, they suggest acts they'd like to see featured on the stage. In the past, some teachers from the school have been a part of the concert series. ■



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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

GIRLFRIEND CAN'T GET CLEARANCE TO SEE MAN'S TOP-SECRET LIST

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Beau," and I moved in together and already we have trust issues. He doesn't trust me around his computer. He said he has things on it that are part of his past, and it's none of my business. One of the things he doesn't want me to see is "The List." He keeps a list of all the girls he has slept with — including one-night stands. I have asked Beau how many there have been, but he doesn't want to tell me "because it will hurt me." He has revealed that it's a number between 10 and 50.

I have asked him to delete the list, but he said that if he gets a weird disease in the future, he can always refer back to it. I have nightmares about this.

Should I drop the matter? — UNLISTED NUMBER IN TEXAS

DEAR UNLISTED: No, honey. You should drop him. If Beau was simply afraid you would see how many women he has slept with and was trying to protect your feelings, he would print out the list and stash it in a safety deposit box. What he's afraid of is that you'll see the list is GROWING. I don't blame you for having nightmares. A man who is seriously worried that he'll get a weird disease in the future is exposing himself and YOU to them now. So pack your bags, get out of there and schedule an appointment with your gynecologist ASAP.

DEAR ABBY: My older sister, "Carole," has been dealing with breast cancer for almost a year. Although my family and I live three hours away and are struggling with problems of our own, we have always been supportive of her. Last week, Carole called to tell me she'll be going to Australia at the end of the year — a "reward" from her husband for everything she has been through. I was happy for her until she informed me that I would be taking care of her kids for two weeks while she's on vacation. I joked, "It doesn't sound like you're giving me any choice in this." She replied: "No, I'm not. I went through cancer. I deserve this trip." I reminded Carole that when I watched her kids just two months ago, things didn't go well. They are completely different from my children, and they don't like each other. Her 5-year-old daughter cried all night, every night while she was here. Her son destroys everything he comes into contact with — we still have a hole in the bedroom wall — and has a vocabulary I don't want my kids exposed to. Do I have a right to just say "no" and offer my best wishes in finding a sitter? I feel guilty, but I don't feel she's entitled to demand this from me. Am I being a bad sister? — NEEDS RESOLUTION IN THE MID-ATLANTIC

DEAR NEEDS RESOLUTION: Your reasons for declining your sister's edict seem perfectly reasonable to me. You took care of your niece and nephew before — it didn't work out. You are perfectly within your rights to be firm with Carole and let her know she's going to have to make other arrangements for her little ones while she's on holiday. A perfect solution would be for them to be looked after by either set of grandparents.

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It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you love being home with your family, you also enjoy traveling and making new friends.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Is someone at work resisting that Aries charm? Hard to believe. But seriously, Lamb, you might want to back up your ideas with some solid data, and then watch the years pile on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your hard work could pay off in ways you didn't expect, but certainly deserve. Tend to that pesky health problem now so you'll be in top shape to tackle the new projects coming up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Planning a family event can be stressful unless you make it clear from the start that you're in charge. You might accept suggestions, but it will be your decisions that count.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still have a way to go to bring that professional matter to a satisfactory conclusion. Meanwhile, an important personal situation could require more of your attention by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There's something about you Fine Felines that makes people want to tell you secrets. But once again, be wary of who is doing the telling. You might not want to be that person's confidante.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Creating a fuss about a family matter might get everyone's attention. But it might be better to talk one-on-one with family members in order to spare a loved one unnecessary embarrassment.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're making progress on that career move, albeit not as quickly as you had hoped. But stay with it. Your personal life takes an unexpected (but very welcome) new turn.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) If you feel you've been unfairly treated in a workplace decision, correct the situation now while there's still time to do so. Arm yourself with facts, and go to it. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Devising your own system of doing things might be the best way to handle an increasingly complex situation. But do it tactfully in order to avoid ruffling too many of your colleagues' feathers.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family member's health problem might once again require you to shift some of your current priorities around. But this time, make certain other relatives will be there to help.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Catching up on tasks you've left undone will take a while to accomplish. But the sooner you complete them, the sooner you'll be able to take on another time-sensitive project.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel swamped by all that you're expected to do. But take a moment to come up for air, then handle things one at a time, and you'll soon get through them all.

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- 19 Proverb preposition
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- 21 Annual award?
- 22 Authentic
- 23 "My —" ('65 hit)
- 24 Romance
- 25 Host a roast
- 26 Forearm bone
- 27 Monotony
- 29 States briefly?
- 31 Hit man
- 33 Actress Schneider
- 34 Touches
- 36 Pecs' partners
- 37 Clark of "Finian's Rainbow"
- 40 Usually
- 42 Considers carefully
- 46 Bouquet
- 47 Green and Gore
- 48 Interstate exit
- 50 Cowboy star Lash

- 51 Young boxers
- 52 Navigation hazards
- 54 Fireplace fragment
- 56 Valueless
- 57 Zoo attraction
- 58 Greeted the general
- 60 Jason's wife
- 62 Ram's remark
- 63 Acted like a peacock
- 65 Scoffed at
- 67 Orchestra section
- 69 Neighbor of Nev.
- 70 Keep an eye on
- 71 Destroy
- 72 Show indifference
- 74 Model Beverly
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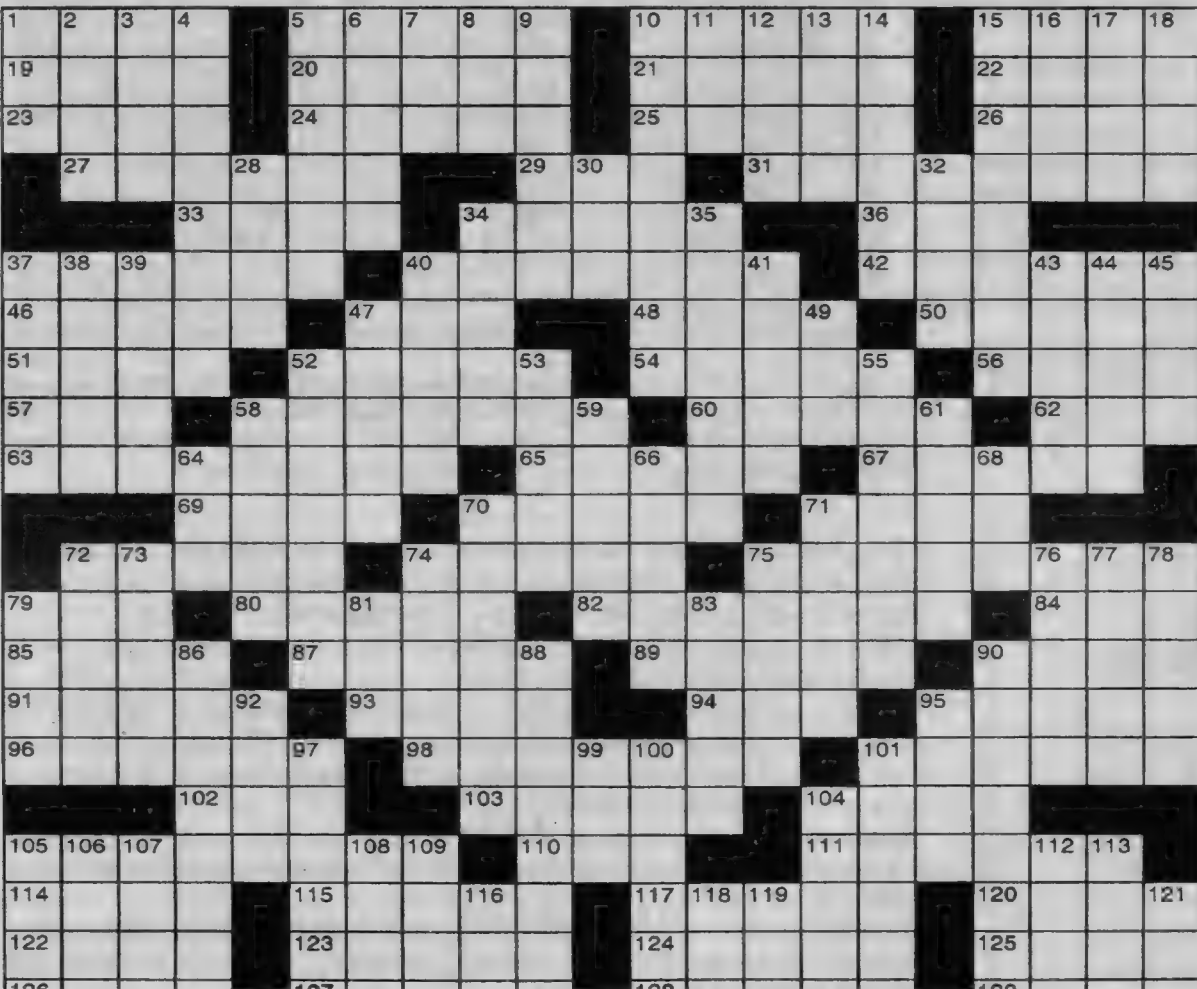
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- 104 Iran's Abolhassan
- 105 Swedish turnip
- 110 Trams
- 111 Like Schonberg's music
- 114 Turgenev's birthplace
- 115 Plot
- 117 Pianist Gould
- 120 Got off
- 122 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
- 123 Uneven
- 124 It comes from the heart
- 125 Eye drop?
- 126 Tamblin or Westover
- 127 Celtic cultist

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- 2 Element
- 3 Raison d'—
- 4 Stagnant state
- 5 Shock
- 6 Card game
- 7 Troop grp.
- 8 Shreveport coll.
- 9 Nigerian native
- 10 Animal
- 11 Root vegetable
- 12 Costa —
- 13 Manipulates
- 14 It has its ups and downs
- 15 Franco- — War
- 16 Elver's folks
- 17 Rampur royalty
- 18 — Bator
- 28 Kansas city
- 30 Big —, CA
- 32 Explorer Tasman
- 34 Desirable quality
- 35 Shut forcefully
- 37 Irene of "Zorba the Greek"

- 38 Let out the lava
- 39 Sot
- 40 Viva voce
- 41 Inlay
- 43 Baby beetles
- 44 Sinuous dances
- 45 Actress Ward
- 47 "Gol" to Gounod
- 49 Word form for "foot"
- 52 Exhaustion
- 53 Smooth transition
- 55 Told off
- 58 Play the mandolin
- 59 Push-buttons' predecessors
- 61 Sharon of Israel
- 64 Mideast letters
- 66 "The Sun Also Rises" heroine
- 68 Some
- 70 Semisolid protein
- 71 More uncouth
- 72 To date
- 73 Terse verse
- 74 Heathen
- 75 Ancient characters
- 76 Notre Dame's river
- 77 Singer John

- 78 Laughing
- 79 It becomes ewe?
- 81 Mil. group
- 83 Sewell of "A Knight's Tale"
- 86 Tennis great Pancho
- 88 Updated the factory
- 90 Ponder
- 92 Use a poniard
- 95 Tahoe town
- 97 Set apart
- 99 Registered mail abbr.
- 100 Zeno's zeos
- 101 Afternoon refresher
- 104 Swahili, e.g.
- 105 Serengeti sound
- 106 Pakistani language
- 107 Some shirts
- 108 Teri of "Tootsie"
- 109 Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
- 112 Composer Wilder
- 113 Inventive sort?
- 116 "A Fool Such —" ('59 hit)
- 118 Powell co-star
- 119 Muff
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3. ($P = I \times V$) P is in watts, I is in amperes and V is in ____.
Answer: _____

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4. Legend has it that this metal object gave off a spark in Benjamin Franklin's experiment.
Answer: _____
5. Name for a battery with a reaction between zinc and manganese oxide.
Answer: _____
6. Complete the book title: "Do Androids Dream of ____?"
Answer: _____

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7. Term for an electrician responsible for lighting on a movie or TV set.
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Answer: _____
9. His work formed the basis of modern alternating current power systems.
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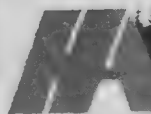
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Strawberries, vanilla ice cream and chocolate weren't the only items on the menu for Community Care's annual strawberry social held recently at the organization's drop-in centre. A surprise awards presentation for two key individuals was also a part of the free appreciation event.

Ian Comrie was recognized for his work with the non-profit organization as the recipient of the 2008-2009 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Rick Johnson also congratulated Comrie through a written declaration that was presented to him at the social.

Comrie helped out the group in a number of ways this year, but what stood out were his efforts in getting the Agency Van out of the garage and on to the roads, said Brigitte Gebauer, Community Care Volunteer Coordinator.

"We didn't even need to ask Ian for help with the vehicle," explained Gebauer in her speech. "As soon as he found out that we received the van he came to us offering his time. His help was indispensable. Ian's expertise with fleet vehicles came in extremely handy as he made suggestions and came up with ideas for the Agency Van that we would have never thought about."

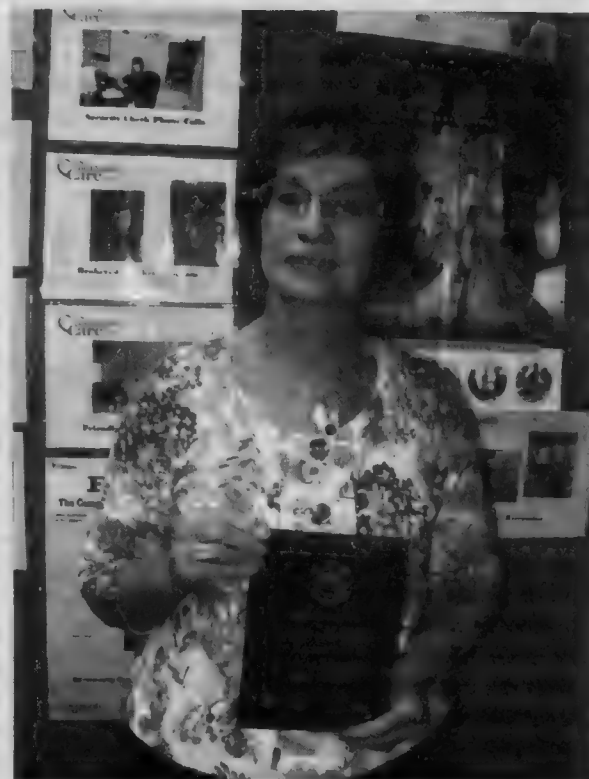
Today the van transports clients who live in remote areas to town for their appointments and essential shopping needs. There is a fee for the service, however it's reasonably priced.

Judy Cumming, Community Care Transportation Coordinator, commended Comrie for paying such close attention to the needs of the van.

"Ian was instrumental in getting the Agency Van on the road. The van became his 'baby' and he looked after it with tender loving care. He made sure the van was well equipped with everything it needed to make it safe and accessible for our seniors and the drivers," stated Cumming.

Hilary Elia, Resource Development Coordinator, praised Comrie for his involvement in another initiative: the first annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. The three-day tournament was a fundraiser for the organization.

"Ian's commitment to selling raffle tickets, guarding 'Stanley' and sharing



Top: Community Care Executive Director Donna MacDonald has been instrumental in steering the not-for-profit organization in the right direction for the past 25 years.

Above: Strawberry Goodness: Community Care volunteers Bob Penfold and Christa Gebauer join current organization president Ray Brassard for some yummy sweets.

knowledge about Community Care speaks to the kindness of Ian and his ability to make those around him enthused about his cause. He is an absolute pleasure to be around and we will be calling on him many more times to support our fundraising activities," said Elia.

Donna MacDonald, Community Care Executive Director, also received recognition for 25 years of dedication to the organization in her role.

"She's fought battles to make sure that we get adequate funding and to make sure that Haliburton County doesn't get lost in the health care system," said the organization's current President Ray Brassard. "She's also made sure to make this a model agency for Community Care's across the province of Ontario."

Macdonald was honoured to accept the award. She said that it has been "a pleasure to serve all of the staff and volunteers" over the years in the place that she has called home for most of her life.

According to Community Care statistics, 130 volunteers have helped over 1,000 clients in the past year. In total they have contributed over 21,000 hours (or an average of 150 hours per volunteer) of their time to helping others.

To learn all about the services that Community Care provides to seniors and adults with disabilities, visit their web site at www.communitycarehaliburton.com. You can also go by the drop-in centre located at 83 Maple Avenue in the Halco Plaza for more information. ■



Volunteer Coordinator Brigitte Gebauer and Executive Director Donna MacDonald hand over a congratulatory document sent from MPP Rick Johnson to Ian Comrie for his involvement in getting the agency van up and running.



Municipality of Highlands East

Quotations, on forms supplied; will be received on envelopes plainly marked as to the contents the Municipal Administration Office until:

1:00 p.m. Local Time Wednesday, August 12, 2009

The following quotations are for the provision of materials and equipment for the rehabilitation of 7.0 km of Hadlington Road.

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Quotations may be obtained at the municipal office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time Monday to Friday commencing on Monday, July 27, 2009

If further information is required please contact Wayne Patterson C.E.T. Project Manager at 613-969-1111, or Earl Covert at 705-448-2934

The lowest or any quotation may not be necessarily accepted.

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Minden Fringe Rollicking, Rolling and Finding Feet

Double Twin Bills at Wintergreen Pancake Barn highlight the fringe

Review

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

If this Minden Fringe Festival was a locomotive?
Well, it would be chugging up one of the many hills that bump and brim here in Haliburton County.

It would be bellowing black smoke.

It would be chugging because, after all, that's what locomotives do.

They chug, they grimace and they bellow low mournful wails, long and eerily into a pitched night.

Locomotives are never despondent, and they take great pride in delivering the freight.

Call the Minden Fringe our artistic workhorse.

Iron on irony.

And if the Minden Fringe was a locomotive?

The steel wheels on steel rails would be grinding ever upward, under the perplexing weight of its magical, wonderful cargo.

And that enigmatic, suddenly enlivened engine would be singing as it crawled up the precipice.

"I think I can ... I think I can."

Well believe that little engine folks.

Last weekend the Wintergreen Pancake Barn, just 15 clicks south of Haliburton on Gelert Road (County Road 1), was sold out for the first of two twin-bill performances of this year's Minden Fringe Festival.

Oh Annie!! (Written by Fay Martin) and Creating Ivity (Written and performed by Shelley King) ran to a standing room only crowd and boffo post performance reviews last Saturday July 11th at the rustic old Pancake Barn.

Oh Annie was written by Fay Martin, who is an entrenched member of the Conjurers of County Town troupe. She volunteered to do some research that would deliver a female perspective on Minden rural life in the 1920s for the Minden sesquicentennial (150th birthday) production of Buck's Tavern.

She found an exquisite character. Annie Angus was the woman who brought moving pictures to Minden. Annie Angus appears in Buck's Tavern, but the character was never fully revealed.

Until that is last Saturday at The Wintergreen Pancake House.

Oh Annie!!, the one act play, explores further the wily machinations of Annie Angus and her push to bring some semblance of women's rights to Minden. A widow, Annie meets with representatives of the Minden Women's Institute, including Miss Rose Barker and Mrs. Mable Hartle, who are enjoying tea and cookies and exploring an alternative financial plan for the salvage of the crumbling cemetery wall.

The play marks the directorial debut of teenager Emily Stonehouse.

She's leaving Hal High and headed to University of Ottawa this fall. She's been involved in many plays during her tenure at Hal High and won the directorial prize for the high school's production of Paper or Plastic? at this year's Sears Festival, a province wide competition. Emily made her acting debut as Celia in A River Needs to Run last summer. Emily is just one indicator of the strong influx of youth into the already vibrant acting community here in the Highlands.

Lindsey Hawley played Miss Rose Barker, Kate Hall was Mable Hartle and Renee Archibald played Annie Angus in the interesting and lively 45-minute play.

The play took us through many of the issues of the day, including the efficacy of moving pictures as a form of legitimate entertainment and right on through to other timely issues of the day including women's place in society, the right to vote and some dovetails into homosexuality, all lively and lovely fare for a Saturday night in the Highlands.



The Minden Fringe! (L-R) Lindsey Hawley as Miss Rose Barker, Renee Archibald as Annie Angus and Kate Hall as Mrs. Mable Hartle all starred in Oh Annie!! directed by Emily Stonehouse and written by Fay Martin.

All three women bring flair, panache and just the right amount of scorn, playfulness and tepid sexuality to their roles.

Martin uses the issue of the crumbling cemetery wall to great advantage, pondering why it's left to women to prop up crumbling infrastructure when purview clearly rests with council and public works.

Ah, but women's work? Never done apparently.

And it all resonates today, from talk of Nellie McClung, men's penchant to pass the buck, and our general intolerance and fear of the unknown – like well, homosexuality and the rise of new technology in the form of those enigmatic moving pictures.

Hah! As Martin says in her liner notes.

"Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose."

And we could probably all use a little daily dose of Annie in our daily juke and jive – just y'know, to keep us honest.

The second part of the evening was all down to Shelley King, whose one-person one-act play called Creating Ivity displayed all of Shelley's unique and diverse talents.

The play centers around three people and three ideas.

Don't worry, nothing vaguely religious here.

Just a rollicking romp into the art of Zen and the malleable mindset.

King uses a prop table at the back of the stage with three separate costumes.

"What if," she asks at the beginning of the show,

"three people all had the same idea at the same time?"

The premise unleashes a surreal barrage of hearts, flowers, sparkly dust, hats, puppets and some show biz magic.

The first person prefers to hoard the good idea. The second would rather study it to death and the third?

Well the third just lets that idea blossom and grow, until it finally takes the form of an animated puppet.

The gist of the metaphors?

Summed up by the puppet and the puppeteer in the final flowing stanzas.

The puppet, named Ivity, is allowed to feed on the idea, sharing it with the world.

"Set free to inspire other people to create their own Ivity and spread the seed of new ideas all around the world."

And of course that's what Fringe Theater is all about isn't it?

Simple plays, funny anecdotes, brought to the stage by people creating their own Ivities.

And chugging mostly uphill, like that little engine.

Head firmly ensconced in clouds of billowing ideas and fresh insight. ■



BUILDING DEPARTMENT RE-LOCATION

The building department for the Municipality of Highlands East will be relocating to the Gooderham Municipal/Post Office located at 1032 Gooderham Street. This move will take effect on **August 4, 2009**. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. The new phone number is 705-447-0051.

Please direct all building enquiries after this date to the new office.

Randy Dunsmore, CBCO
Chief Building Official/By-law
Enforcement Officer



County of Haliburton Roads Department

Qualified individuals interested in obtaining a CUPE Local 1960 position as a Seasonal Labourer within the County of Haliburton Roads Department are invited to submit written applications **no later than Monday, July 27, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.** to the attention of:

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and Human Resources
Email: twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca
Delivery: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden
Fax: 705-286-4829
Mail: P.O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

The successful candidate will have experience in traffic control and be able to perform heavy manual labour duties in an outside environment.

We thank all who apply for position, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Coming Events



Notice of Tender The County of Haliburton Contract No. C01-29.8-09

Bid for: Installation of Multi-Plate Drainage Structure on County Road 1

Sealed envelopes containing Bids clearly marked "Installation of Multi-Plate Drainage Structure on County Road 1" and addressed to:

Ms. Shirley Kirk
Administrative Clerk
Roads Department
County of Haliburton
3 St. Germaine Street
Minden, Ontario
K0M 2K0

Shall be received at the offices of:

The County of Haliburton
3 St. Germaine Street
Minden, Ontario

Before 11:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday August 5, 2009

The work generally comprises of the installation of a 3.5 x 2.0 x 32 metre long multi-plate drainage structure (culvert) located on County Road 1 approximately 200 metres North of the intersection of County Road 1 and County Road 18 accompanied by roadway and embankment restoration.

Copies of the Bid Documents can be obtained from the offices of AECOM Canada Ltd., 49-1 Manitoba St., Bracebridge or at the County Roads Department Office at 3 St. Germaine Street in Minden. A non-refundable fee of a \$50.00 (GST included), payable to The County of Haliburton is required for each set. Bid Documents will be available after Wednesday July 22, 2009.

Bids must be accompanied by a Tender Deposit in the amount listed in Item 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers, payable to The County of Haliburton.

Tenders will be opened publicly at 11:15 a.m., Local Time, Wednesday August 5, 2009 at the County Roads Department Office, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden. Tenders from bidders not on the Plantakers Register will not be opened. The lowest or any tender not necessarily taken.

Inquiries regarding this Project shall be directed to:

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FOR SALE - New dryer Sears Kenmore, white, excellent condition \$300.00 o.b.o. Call 705-457-9370. (JulyD09)

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FOUND - No further information given, Camera was found in Skyline Park, July 15th. Contact finder at 705-457-2247

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WANTED - Old or antique used furniture, one piece or whole estates bought plus clean-up of everything also cars, trucks, boats trailers if the price is right I will make you a deal on anything call Richard in Tory Hill at 448-3920. Clean up of scrap cars or metal as well. (TFN)

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Notices

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Coming Events

FAMILY FUN DAY IN LOCHLIN - This fun filled event start's with a horseshoe tournament at 11:00a.m., BBQ, games for the whole family, country auction, clown, pony rides, and live entertainment from the Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders. Please come out and support this fun filled event on August 8th beginning at 11:30a.m. Rain or Shine! For more information call Paula at 705-457-3557. (AugA09)

MINDEN'S ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW - Friday July 24, 2009, 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. and Saturday July 25 10a.m.-4:00p.m. "Sentimental Journey" celebrating Minden's 150th and The Flower Show's 30th birthday. Join us for beautiful flowers, loads of door prizes, cake and ice cream all for only \$5.00 at the Community Centre.

SALAD SUPPER - Haliburton United Church, 10 George Street. Saturday July 25th, 2009 from 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m. Tickets at the door, \$12.00 single, \$6.00 Child, under 6 free.

MUSEUM BOOK SALE - Support your community Museum! The Haliburton Highlands Museum will be holding it's annual fundraising book sale on Saturday July 25th, 2009 between 10:00a.m. and 4:00p.m. Fact, Fiction, Magazines, and Children's books. Stop by and browse through a variety of books for all ages and interests. Book donations are appreciated. 705-457-2760. (JulyD09)

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YARD SALE

COMMUNITY YARD SALE - South of Minden across from Prentice Power Sports at Hunter Creek Estates, on August 1st, 2009 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Approximately 20 individual homes are participating. (JulyE09)

YARD SALE'S - Friday July 31st, 2009 at 12:00p.m. and Saturday August 1st, 2009 at 8:00a.m. 3 kms South of Minden on Hwy #35 at Hunter creek Estates. Front Lane individual homes. (JulyE09)

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - 1003 Godward Road (Shuyler's Island) near Blairhampton Golf Course, Saturday, July 25, 2009 9:00a.m.- 2:00p.m. Tools, household items, books, picture frames, stationary bike, double head board, portable generator, portable air conditioner, office chair, assorted golf clubs (left) VHS movies etc. Signs posted. (July D09)

LARGE YARD SALE -1771 Eagle Lake Road, in Garage and green barn, Saturday July 25 - 8am to 1pm, Rain or shine. Computer desks, leather chair, colour TV, home décor, Furniture, plants, clothes washer, built in oven, kitchen stuff, Paddle boat, books, lots VHS movies, tables, lamps, aesthetic/massage bed, retail store props/manikins(3) and much much more.

YARD SALE - Saturday August 1, 2009 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. 40 Keefer Street, Haliburton. Go East on Sunnyside, turn left on Keefer, follow the signs. Three families - lots of good stuff. (JulyE09)

Thank You

IN APPRECIATION - I wish to express in the most heartfelt way my deepest appreciation to my church and community for your prayers and special acts of kindness on the death of my mother - Gladys; and during the difficult years before. To live in a loving community like this is to be truly blessed. My very special thanks go to our pastor and priest Anne Moore; to Barry and Kirsten who arranged the funeral so lovingly and beautifully; to my special friends Jim and Glenda Burk; and all the members of my wonderful choir, lay readers and servers who made the service of Celebration so memorable. I also wish to thank those who helped me in any way before, during and after mom's passing. Your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls were all so much appreciated. And to those who visited mother and helped me care for her in her last years, Dr. Bob Heyes, Elaine, Karena, Nancy and wonderful people from Para-Med, Community Care and H.H.H.S.—you are truly invaluable. "Thanks be to god, for this gift, —a gift beyond all words." (2nd. Cor. 9:15)
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Exploring Mysterious Vanishing Ponds

A Wealth of Facts, Stats and Research Revealed During Stewardship Discovery Days

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Mysterious vanishing ponds, also known as vernal pools, do exactly what their name implies — they disappear. Most people have never heard of these wet areas, but once they find out more from an expert on the subject, the topic is just about as fascinating as examining life on other planets.

Kirsten Otis, a graduate student from the University of Guelph, is in her second season of studying these ponds that are on and around land at the Frost Centre Institute in the township of Algonquin Highlands. On Wednesday, July 15, Otis and Sigrun Kullik, a Research Coordinator at the environmental institute, gave a crowd of about 15 people an in-depth presentation on these ponds as part of the Stewardship Discovery Days series presented by The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Out to Learn.

Vernal pools are small, isolated wetlands that are hidden away in the forest and can be hard to find. Each spring they appear



Field student Lindsey Freeman talks about the equipment that is used in researching vernal pools.

when they fill with melted snow and rain. Then in the summer months they vanish. From a distance, these ephemeral ecosystems don't appear like much — just a pool of water, right? Wrong. With special equipment that Otis and Kullik use in the field to study these mysterious areas of water, one can see that an abundance of life is present, both during the wet and dry seasons.

"Vernal pools are very different from the surrounding upland," explained Otis. "The more we learn about them, the more different we realize they are."

The life cycle in vernal pools begins with plants and Primary and Secondary Saprotrophs (fungi and bacteria). In the fall, these Saprotroph species break down decaying matter such as leaves from trees.

Then come in the Grazers, which feed on the fungi and bac-

teria.

"They are actually good for the fungi and bacteria because as the mycelia (vegetative part of the fungus) grow old, they get tired and they don't work as well," explained Otis. "When the Grazers come by they snip them off and it keeps things moving along. The Grazers also determine which species of fungi will thrive and which ones won't."

After this step in the process, shredders come along. These tiny creatures come in and shred the fallen leaves. This helps the Saprotrophs further break down the decomposing matter. While explaining the process, Otis put on a video that was shot with a special underwater camera to show how a Caddisfly Larva shreds apart a leaf with ease.

Just like in every other food web, predators also are a part of vernal pools. This includes land predators like mice centipedes and spiders, and aquatic predators such as leeches and salamanders.

This year, Otis began conducting her research work in April. Along with the help of Kullik, she has been out in the field locating vernal pools and marking them off, taking photos and shooting video, and collecting thousands of Microbial samples.

"What we're trying to do is determine the differences in vernal pools during the dry time and the wet time," said Otis, adding that little research has been done to find out this information. "You would think that the leaves and other organic matter would decay faster when wet, but from our observations, that doesn't appear to be the case. We are collecting data this summer to back up what we're seeing."

Otis said that if true, the data could prove to be significant in the future in figuring out if vernal pools have an impact on climate change.

"This would mean that there's more carbon being stored in these pools per square meter than there is in the uplands," she said. "This is referred to as carbon sequestration."

When out on their studies last summer, Otis and Kullik came up with a tally of 108 vernal pools in the Sherborne Lake area alone. This works out to be about half to one vernal pool per hectare, which is considered to be a rather high density.

"That's about 50-100 per cent higher than most literature values," said Otis. "It could be because we're looking in specific places for them, it might also mean that we have a higher density of vernal pools in this part of Haliburton than anywhere else."

This summer, Otis and her team ventures out to monitor these pools every two weeks.

Following her presentation, Otis took the audience into a lab where they were able to see some critters under microscopes and the field equipment that is used. Once outside of The Frost Centre Institute, Otis and Kullik led the group out into the forest on the property so they could see these mysterious pools for themselves.

This year, Otis will continue her research at the institute into the start of the fall. And though her studies will conclude in the spring of 2011, Kullik hopes that more research will continue.

"The overall study will hopefully continue on long after Kirsten is gone," she said.

To find out more about these fascinating pools and their significance to our ecosystem, visit the Ontario Vernal Pools Association web site at www.ontariovernalpools.org.

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Ronald Stata

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Saturday evening, July 18, 2009 in his 70th year. Beloved husband of Yvonne Stata (nee Wilson). Loving father of Penny (Eldon), Cindy (Art), Steven (Tammy), Ronda (Glenn), Robbie (Theresa) and Denise. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kristen, Amy, Kyle, T.J., Julia, Maria, Syleena, Jessica, Matthew, Lindsay, Geoffrey, Gregory, Lyndsey (predeceased), Ashley, Brook, Alexis and his great grandchildren Alisha, Adam, Gage, Desaria, Hailee, Nevan, Ayden, Sydney, Daemon and Mykaila. Dear brother of Brenda (Ken Laver) and Dennis (Carol). Predeceased by his parents Mary & Albert Stata



Ryerson Neave - Bacon

Passed away at the Rodgers House at the Childrens Hospital of Eastern Ontario "CHEO" surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, July 12, 2009 after a brief illness. Cherished son of Rebecca and Spencer, brother of Gage and Lundy, grandson of Brad and Anne Neave, Sharon and Ron Bacon, and great grandson of Pat Campbell and Murray Neave. Ryerson will be missed by his many aunts, uncles, cousins and by their families.



James (Jim) McMillen

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 after a battle with cancer, at the age of 67. Beloved husband of Betty Turner for over 38 years. Dear father of David of Oshawa, Brian and Tina of Kitchener, Deborah and Luke of Kitchener and grandpa of Bill, Alyssa, and Zachary. Jim is survived by his parents Garnet and Jennie McMillen, by his brother and sister-in-law Carl and Anne, and by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Gloria Welsh



Kind, smart, classy, hard working, friend, sister, confident, advisor, mentor, you were all of these and more to me. You were the best sister anyone could have. You always took me to the ex and rode all the wicked rides - even though they made you sick - you did it just for me. You took me to my first concert (the Monkees) - You took me to my first classy dinner, You got me my first job and helped my career all along the way. My first plane ride was thanks to you. You were always there for me. You will be missed more than words can say. I will think of you always - there is a piece of my heart that can not be filled. It is reserved for you. I love you Glo and you will always be remembered. See you in my dreams...

Joanne

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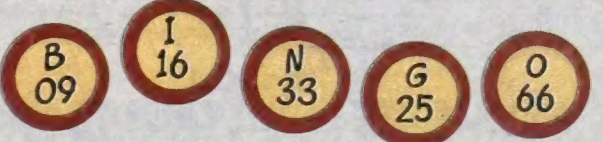
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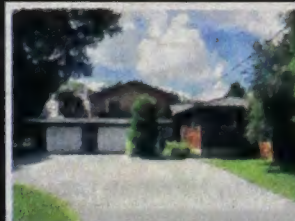
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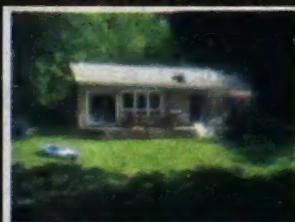
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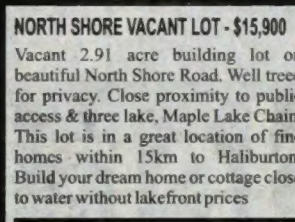
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Cottage with level lot & great privacy. Great location & easy yr round access. 3 bedroom bungalow with pine interior and new windows and doors. New siding on site to be installed to make this cottage look like new. Screened gazebo, storage sheds & workshop with hydro included.

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